

What's Freedom like?

Posted by Changeisgood121 - 12 May 2024 02:05

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Re: What's Freedom like?

Posted by gye365s - 12 May 2024 02:32

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Hello!

Take it one day at a time. Don't focus too much on what will be. Face your challenges each day as they come and the rest will fall into place.

You feel exhausted. It is hard. Try also feeling good about the effort you are putting in. If you are fighting that hard, you have that much more to be proud of.

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Posted by Hashem Help Me - 12 May 2024 14:42

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As time goes on the urges minimize in frequency and in length of duration. The tsunami becomes a tidal wave becomes a wave becomes a small wave..... becomes a fly buzzing around one's head. At the same time, it never disappears - see the famous story of the Lev Eliyahu ztz"l.

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I've no idea - but that is a good question!

(my guess is that the struggle is continuous but over time gets easier. OTOH maybe new challenges will take over as you get "promoted")

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Re: What's Freedom like?  
Posted by jewizard21 - 12 May 2024 15:14

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The urges become less frequent and you acquire "some" more control. It's different for everyone but I would say overall it gets easier but not easy.

For example you have an urge and you think "why not just give in", remind yourself of your progress and your goals but don't focus on your goal focus on the now, and say to yourself/ask Hashem "please let me be clean for today"

This gets easier once you start setting up gedarim (fences) overtime mentally and physically

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Posted by jackthejew - 13 May 2024 03:12

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A whole new perspective on connection and caring for others

Having to find things to do to fill all the dead time you used to fill with porn and fantasy

Growth and opportunity

Romanticizing the bad old times

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Wishing you were born somebody else, at the top of the mountain

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Posted by chaimoigen - 13 May 2024 10:53

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Gold!!

Sometimes finding freedom boring is a ruse for not wishing to be alone with ones self.  
Sometimes there are frightening realities that distraction can help one avoid.

But living real is worth so much more, even if it hurts.

Thanks friend.

Lichayim !

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