

A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Aaron613 - 17 Dec 2020 06:07

I am newly married Baruch HaShem. Since the age of about 15 I began being motzei zera levatala (didn't know what I was doing for about a year). I've watched pornography and all sorts of things for many years. I can honestly say that I've been fighting with all I've got for many years now but I've never been successful for a long period of time(two months at the most). These horrible habits have become a part of me and I'm immune to seeing bad things at this point. I have all kinds of filters on my phone and lap top but it doesn't take much to get me going. I need advice...I need chizuk....

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Aaron613 - 01 Jan 2021 16:14

Hey haven't posted in a little while but b"h because I've had a good week. I'm following advice and sticking around because I was told this forum will help for long term success.

I've had a good week but I'm still nervous that all it will take is one bad image or song and I'll fall again I feel I'm walking on thin ice. I'm staying clear of certain scenarios and I literally daven three times a day that hashem should help me.

On one hand I feel confident that Hashem will help because it's such a noble request but on the other hand I haven't really seen success in this area so I don't know what to think...I'll never stop asking either way...a git shabbos to you all!!

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Zedj - 01 Jan 2021 17:36

Hi A.6.1.3,

Thank you for updating!

I think it's a good thing to be wary about what may make you fall/slip but not to overthink it.

These battles are in the moment.

So as the saying goes here at GYE:

One day at a time

Good Shabbos!

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Aaron613 - 05 Jan 2021 05:15

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Shnitzel and kugel - 05 Jan 2021 05:34

I haven't really read your whole thread so forgive me if I'm missing a part., But do you have a therapist you go to?

that can be very helpful

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Aaron613 - 05 Jan 2021 13:25

I do not have a therapist, I don't think it's an addiction problem b"h. It's just a battle which I win over way more than I lose but I still do lose periodically.

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Thistimeillwin - 05 Jan 2021 14:05

[Aaron613 wrote on 05 Jan 2021 13:25:](#)

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The two need not go hand-in-hand.

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Aaron613 - 05 Jan 2021 14:09

Interesting. I don't think I'm ready for therapy just yet to be honest. Could be I'm in the wrong there but I am still confident I'll win this here I just need to stay focused on the battle all the time. That's the challenge for me.

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Grant400 - 05 Jan 2021 14:13

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Hashem isn't giving up on you anytime soon, so don't give up on yourself.

You recently started your GYE journey, 12 days is a great start. It's almost two weeks. I'm sure you've learned alot already, and have more tools in your workshop than you did before.

Something can be learned from every fall (if you were really trying). Any success is always based on trial and error. Thomas Edison produced over 100 prototypes of lightbulbs before the now near obsolete, but then modern filament glowed without breaking.

Yes, it's discouraging when we act out. We start a new streak every time, feeling on top of the world. We always say to ourselves, now is for real. Then the initial excitement starts to wear off, and we start to relax a little. Letting our vigilance fade slowly, and sometimes we start to take little nips of lust here and there. We feel strong enough...and then bust.

So sit down and figure out where you need to improve. Modify your behavior and actions accordingly. To just continue on without significant changes, is foolish and unfair to yourself, your sweet wife, and your goals. Use this fall as an educational opportunity. Make it count in a good way.

One day you will be gazing at you very own successful invention. A new and improved you. A better husband, and a different father than you would've been, had you been discouraged by those speed bumps and hiccups in your road to control.

Grant

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by YeshivaGuy - 09 Jan 2021 23:56

How was Shabbos?

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Aaron613 - 10 Jan 2021 00:31

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Ya same here, Motzei Shabbos is a killer...

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Aaron613 - 12 Jan 2021 00:02

Hey everyone, so I need some advice. For the most part I'm able to be consciously aware of what I look at and I'm mindful of the seriousness of the aveira of shmiras einayim and shmiras habris. The issue is when I get caught up either fantasizing without realizing or seeing something and then snapping out of it, it can sometimes last an entire day where my mind and

drives are worked up and focused on sexuality. I could use advice on how to stay focused on my holy mission in life.

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Realestatemogul - 12 Jan 2021 04:19

Hey! That is a great question, and something that I always struggle with a lot. Sometimes I find it more frustrating that I can't shake those thoughts than when I actually act on them.

Although it is counterintuitive, try to just let them be and don't try and fight them. Don't make the thought the enemy, but don't act on them either. The less you focus on them, the easier they will disappear.

Does that make sense?

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by wilnevergiveup - 12 Jan 2021 05:10

When I have something on my mind that is taking away my focus I like to write them down. This helps me forget about them, almost like it's okay to forget it because if I ever want to remember, I can always check back what I wrote down.

This helps me in all areas, I use it a lot for when I second guess myself or if something stressful is going on and I can't stop thinking about it, writing it down tells our brain don't worry, we will deal with it soon so it doesn't have to take up all my brain space right now.

I think it works here too. You don't have to write down all the details of your fantasies, just something like "can't stop thinking about so and so" or "the Y"H really want's me to think about this and that" once it's down, it's not as urgent to think about it right now.

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Re: A newly married man trying to fight
Posted by Hashem Help Me - 12 Jan 2021 12:21

Accept the thoughts. Our subconscious brings them up when we are not focused. Accept them and accept where you are up to. Face reality that Chazal say people have hirhurim very often. Do not fight. Definitely do not panic. Our job is simply not to pursue the thoughts or chas v'shalom act out because of them. Just laugh them off and get busy with something else.

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