

The only way to break free

Posted by realclean - 14 Sep 2021 19:04

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thank you for reading. Good luck.

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Re: The only way to break free

Posted by withgdthereshope - 14 Sep 2021 19:54

[realclean wrote on 14 Sep 2021 19:04:](#)

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Kudos on 14 days. That's a big deal! Although I'm a strong believer in the idea of getting to the point of not needing the urge and not just about controlling the urge, I've definitely found this to be true as well. Letting go and just doing a little often ends in a crash. Like Chazal say the way of the Yetzer Hara is to start with a bit and then a bit more until he gets us to the greatest Aveiros.

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Re: The only way to break free

Posted by realclean - 14 Sep 2021 22:21

Thanks! I really appreciate it!

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Re: The only way to break free

Posted by gettingthere9 - 15 Sep 2021 00:53

You are so brave to try and tackle this problem!!

14 days is nothing to sneeze at!!

Bulls eye on why they called it guard your eyes!!

Just to use your example... You can have all the barbed wire, tanks, planes and all the missiles in the world.... But what happens if there is a cyber attack? None of that will help, right?

That's what it's like to look at things you aren't supposed to. It is like a cyber attack on your whole system. That's why its so important to **GUARD YOUR EYES!**

Hatzlacha!!

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