Long time away Posted by willandtonya - 17 Jan 2022 06:07

It's been a lonnnnnng time since of come to the site. I have had many times in which I fell into the trap rather than run from the bait set before me. But I am far from where I was in the beginning of this fight. I have, in the past two weeks, watched porn and masturbated 3 times, 2 today. That is what brought me back. I know when and what brings about the opening of the trap as time has elapsed. But I chose to open doors that were locked by any means necessary. I figured out a way to get porn on Roku! Thankfully that is the only unfenced issue. Though it seems they are going to ban it altogether, God willing!

I leave my thoughts and experiences more often from this time forward.

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Re: Long time away Posted by joetyh - 17 Jan 2022 06:55

bro keep on trucking!!! youre doing amazing!!!

Re: Long time away Posted by Shtarkandemotional - 17 Jan 2022 19:17

"Tried everything"

Shmuel - has a struggle with porn.. he gets triggered and falls every now and then... he can't seem to overcome this struggle.

Yehuda- a supportive friend.

This is a conversation that took place between shmuel and Yehuda..

shmuel- "I keep falling I'm so depressed I can't do this anymore"

Yehuda- "it's never too late keep trying"

Shmuel- "but I tried everything nothing seems to work"

Yehuda- "wow that must be so hard"

A couple hours later...

Shmuel- "I think I can do this .. "

Yehuda- "wow! So nice what will you do differently"?!

Shmuel- "I'm gonna get a stronger filter"

Yehuda- "but this is your 6th time doing that."

Shmuel- "yea but maybe this time it'll work"

Yehuda - "if someone gave you 1 million dollars if you stop watching porn for the next 365 days... is that all you would put in place to make sure you don't fall?"

Shmuel-speechless.

Yehuda- that's how you know if a plan has a good chance... that's how you know when you tried...

Shmuel- hmm...

Yehuda- is suffering from porn with all the misery for years worth less then 1 million dollars?

Shmuel- no, way more then a million.. the pain is so way more intense...

Yehuda- if for a million dollars you'd do a lot more then the above plan...to take someone out of the deep ocean to happy free person shouldn't we Forsure do the same?

Lesson is -

Guys, you know when you tried- if you were to get 1 million dollars if this plan succeeds for 365 days.. would the plan just be a better filter?

Or.....

would it be a clear concise plan that blocks every trigger, every possible thing that can lead to a fall, a plan on how to be maintain a long term clarity and motivation why you wanna stay clean... a plan that could seem to work regardless of the mood your in that day! Regardless if it's day 10 or 100 or 1000 or 10,000.

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Re: Long time away Posted by willandtonya - 02 Mar 2022 05:03

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Re: Long time away Posted by Vehkam - 02 Mar 2022 13:14

Your first paragraph is spot on. I was self medicating with porn etc for decades without realizing it.

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Re: Long time away Posted by TheNextStep - 14 Mar 2022 01:05

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I definitely agree, it is like a crutch or comfort. Thanks for sharing your insight in overcoming it.

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