## Psychology of Teshuva Part 2 Taking Action

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# STAGES OF CHANGE

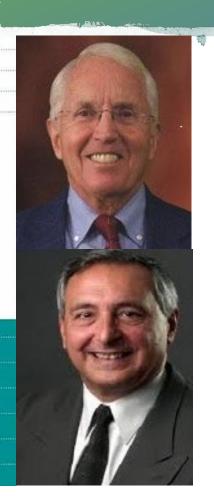
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# CHANGING FOR GOOD

A REVOLUTIONARY
SIX-STAGE PROGRAM FOR
OVERCOMING BAD HABITS
AND MOVING YOUR LIFE
POSITIVELY FORWARD







# AVOID PREMATURE ACTION

CONTINUE REEVALUATION

• DECISIONAL BALANCE (see next slide)

FOCUS MORE ON POSITIVE FUTURE SELF

(see Rambam)

INCREASE CONFIDENCE & COMMITMENT

(PRIORITY & BELIEF)

#### **SMALL STEPS**

ּךְשׁוּת לְכֶל אָדָם נְתוּנָה. אָם רָצָה לְהַטּוֹת עַצְמוֹ לְדֶרֶךְ טוֹבָה וְלִהְיוֹת צַדִּיק הָרְשׁוּת בּידוֹ CREATE THE PLAN YOURSELF

### **GO PUBLIC**

ֶּשֶׁבֵח גָּדוֹל לַשָּׁב שֶׁיִּתְוַדֶּה בָּרַבִּים ...וְאוֹמֵר לָהֶם אָמְנֶם חָטָאתִי לְפְלוֹנִי וְעָשִׂיתִי לוֹ כָּךְ וְכָךְ וַהֲרֵינִי הַיּוֹם שֶׁב וּמִתְנַחֵם DON'T OVER
RELY ON
WILLPOWER

<b>Decisional Balance</b> – Weighing the Pros and Cons of Changing (or Not Changing) Behavior				
The change I'm thinking of making is:				
STEP 1: Consider staying the same	PROS of staying the SAME: Less effort Won't Get Injured Don't have to change so Won't cause family fight Might be embarrassed		of staying the SAME:     Might get sick     Too overweight     Low self-esteem     Feel lethargic     Stressed out	How big a deal is it?  1 = not such a big deal 10 = big deal!
STEP 2: Consider making the change	cons of making a CHANGE: . Hassle . Takes too Long . Don't Know How . I could fail . Family Not Supportive	How big a deal is it?  1 = not such a big deal 10 = big deal!	PROS of making a CHANGE: . Better Weight . Improve Heart Health . Have More Energy . Get Stronger . Reduce Stress	How big a deal is it?  1 = not such a big deal 10 = big deal!
STEP 3:				
STEP 4: Compare	Which number is bigger?	If this number is bigger, the balance is leaning towards STAYING THE SAME.		If this number is bigger, the balance is leaning towards MAKING A CHANGE.



### RAMBAM HILCHOS TESHUVA 7:6-7

Great, indeed, is repentance for it brings man nigh to the Shekinah, even as it is said: "Return, O Israel, unto the Lord thy God" (Hosea, 14. 2); and it is further said: "Yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith the Lord" (Amos, 4.6); and it is yet again said: "If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the Lord, yea, return unto Me" (Jer. 4.1), as if saying: "If thou wilt turn in repentance ye will cleave unto Me". Repentance brings near the far apart. But yesterday this sinner was hateful to the presence of God, scorned, ostracized and abominate, and to-day he is beloved, desirable, companionable and a friend...

גְּדוֹלָה תְּשׁוּבָה שֶׁמְּקֶרֶבֶת אֶת הָאָדָם לַשְּׁכִינָה שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (הושע יד ב) "שׁוּבָה יִשְׂרָאֵל עַד ה' אֱלֹהֶיךְ". וְנֶאֱמַר (עמוס ד ו) "וְלֹא שַׁבְתֶּם עָדַי נְאֻם ה'. "וְנֶאֱמַר (ירמיה ד א) "אָם תָּשׁוּב יִשְׂרָאֵל נְאֻם ה' אֵלֵי תָּשׁוּב". כְּלוֹמֵר אִם תַּחֲזֹר בִּתְשׁוּבָה מְקֶרֶבֶת אֶת תַּחֲזֹר בִּתְשׁוּבָה מְקֶרֶבֶת אֶת הַרְחוֹקִים. אֶמֶשׁ הָיָה זֶה שָׂנאוּי לִפְנֵי הַמָּקוֹם מְשֻׁקֶץ הַרְחוֹקִים. אֶמֶשׁ הָיָה זֶה שָׂנאוּי לִפְנֵי הַמָּקוֹם מְשֻׁקֶץ וּמְרֻבָּה. וְהַיּוֹם הוּא אָהוּב וְנֶחְמָד קָרוֹב וְיָדִיד....

How superior is the degree of repentance! But yesterday was this sinner separated from the Lord God of Israel, even as it is said:" But your iniquities have separated between you and your God" (Is. 59.2); cries, but received no answer, even as it is said: "Yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear" (Ibid. 1.15); does obey commandments, but they are thrown back in his face, even as it is said: "Who hath required this at your hand, to trample My courts"? (Ibid.—12), and, "Oh that there were even among you that would shut the doors, that ye might not kindle fire on Mine altar in vain!" (Mal. 1.10). But to-day he is connected with the Shekinah, even as it is said: "But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you this day" (Deut. 4.4); he cries and receives answer momentarily, even as it is said: "And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer" (Is. 65.24); he observes commandments, and they are received with pleasure and joy, even as it is said: "For God hath already accepted thy works" (Ecc. 9.7); moreover, his works are pleasurably anticipated, even as it is said: "Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years" (Mal. 3.4).

כַּמָּה מְעֻלָּה מַעֲלַת הַתְּשׁוּבָה. אֶמֶשׁ הָיָה זֶה מֻבְדָּל מֵה' אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל שֶׁנֶאֶמַר (ישעיה נט ב) "עֲוֹנוֹתֵיכֶם הָיוּ מַבְדִּלִים בֵּינֵכֶם לְבִין אֱלֹהֵיכֶם". צוֹעֵק וְאֵינוֹ נַעֲנֶה שֶׁנֶּאֶמַר (ישעיה א טו) "כִּי תַרְבּוּ תְפִלָּה" וְגוֹ'. וְעוֹשֶׁה מִצְוֹת וְטוֹרְפִין אוֹתָן בְּפָנָיו שֶׁנֶּאֶמַר (ישעיה א יב) "מִי בִקשׁ זאֹת מָיֶדְכֶם רְמֹס חֲצֵרָי", (מלאכי א י) "מִי גַם בָּכֶם וְיִסְגֹּר הְּלַתִיִם" וְגוֹ'. וְהַיּוֹם הוּא מֵּדְבָּק בַּשְׁכִינָה שֶׁנֶּאֶמַר (דברים דֹד) "וְאַתֶּם הַדְּבָקִים בָּה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם". צוֹעֵק וְנַעֲנֶה מִיָּד שְׁנָאֶמַר (ישעיה סה כד) "וְהָיָה טֶרֶם יִקְרָאוּ וַאֲנִי אֶעֱנֶה". שְׁנָאֶמַר (ישעיה סה כד) "וְהָיָה טֶרֶם יִקְרָאוּ וַאֲנִי אֶעֱנֶה". וְעוֹשֶׁה מִצְוֹת וּמְקַבְּלִין אוֹתָן בְּנַחַת וְשִׁמְחָה שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (מלאכי ג ד) "וְעִרְבָה לָהָם שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (מלאכי ג ד) "וְעַרְבָה לֵה'ם שֶׁנָּאֱמַר (מלאכי ג ד) "וְעַרְבָה לָה'ם הָנְתֹּ תִּנְשֶׁיּרְ". וְלֹא עוֹד אֶלָּא שָׁמִּתְאַוּים לָּהֶם שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (מלאכי ג ד) "וְעַרְבָה לָה'ם מָרָת יִהוּדָה וְירוּשִׁלִם כִּימִי עוֹלָם וּכִשְׁנִים קַדְמֹנִיוֹת":

# ACTION

### **COUNTERING**

- ACTIVE DIVERSION
- EXERCISE "KEYSTONE HABIT"
- RELAXATION
- COUNTERTHINKING

אם פגע בך מנוול זה משכהו לבית המדרש

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

- AVOIDANCE
- CUES
  - WOOP
- REMINDERS
  - TECHNOLOGY

מִתְרַחֵק הַרְבֵּה מִן הַדָּבָר שֶׁחָטָא

### **REWARD**

- COVERT
  - "GOOD JOB!"
- CONTRACTING
  - STICKK

הַטוֹבָה הַצְּפוּנָה לַצַּדִּיקִים הִיא חַיֵּי הָעוֹלָם הַבָּא

# SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!!

### Psychology of Teshuva Part 3 MAINTAINING GAINS

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