

The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous- Short Form.

- 1: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
- 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
- 3: The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
- 4: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
- 5: Each group has but one primary purpose-to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- 6: An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- 7: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- 8: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- 9: A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- 10: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- 11: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
- 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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