

# Step 10

**Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.**

One of the worse hangers that I can ever have in life is anger. This is something that I must take care of real fast, not let it go on for days or even hours. I am very aware of how I treat people and when I lay my head down at night and I can't go right to sleep, there is something the matter with the way I have lived my life that day. Time to take that daily inventory. There are times when I have to do this as the day goes on. If I am feeling overwhelmed

(spot check). Having been in this program for some time now I know that I have to do this step all the time (every day). I have had to make this a daily thing in my life. At first I thought this was going to be a drag, until I realized how good it made me feel at the end of the day and during the day. This does not mean that people don't hurt me, but I have learned not to lash back, I gain a lot more with love than anger. For me it is a bad day when I don't tell someone that I love them,

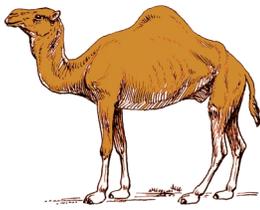
as most of you well know. I have learned that love is a lot more than what I grew up with. Today I know that I love you for no other reason than because you are you. This step has also shown me the good side of me also, things that I have done well today. I always try to look at both sides of the day the good and the bad, and thank God for sitting beside me all day, and you know what? I slept pretty well last night!

*Anonymous Story*

# Tradition 10

**“No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever. “**





I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

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# Concept X

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority—the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

Nearly all societies and governments of today exhibit serious deviations from the very sound principle that *each operational responsibility* must be accompanied by a *corresponding authority* to discharge it. This is why we have been at such pains in preceding discussions to define the several authorities and responsibilities of the A.A. groups, the Conference, the Trustees, and our active service corporations. We have tried to make sure that authority in each of these levels is equal to responsibility. Then we have tried to relate these levels one to another in such a way that this principle is maintained throughout. An outstanding characteristic of every good operational structure is that it guarantees harmonious and effective function by relating its several parts and people in such a way that none can doubt what their respective responsibilities and corresponding authorities actually are. Unless these attributes are well defined; unless those holding the final authority are able and willing properly to delegate and maintain a suitable operational authority; unless those holding such delegate authority feel able and willing to use their delegated authority freely as trusted servants; and unless there exists some definite means of interpreting and deciding doubtful situations— then personal clashes, confusion, and ineffectiveness will be inevitable.

*Excerpts from The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service by Bill W.*

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## What is sponsorship?

Alcoholics Anonymous began with sponsorship. When Bill W., only a few months sober, was stricken with a powerful urge to drink, this thought came to him: "You need another alcoholic to talk to. You need another alcoholic just as much as he needs you!"

He found Dr. Bob, who had been trying desperately and unsuccessfully to stop drinking, and out of their common need A.A. was born. The word "sponsor" was not used then; the Twelve Steps had not been written; but Bill carried the message to Dr. Bob, who in turn safeguarded his own sobriety by sponsoring countless other alcoholics. Through sharing, both of our co-founders discovered, their own sober lives could be enriched beyond measure.

What does A.A. mean by sponsorship? To join some organizations, you must have a sponsor — a person who vouches for you, presents you as being suitable for membership. This is definitely not the case with A.A. Anyone who has a desire to stop drinking is welcome to join us!

In A.A., sponsor and sponsored meet as equals, just as Bill and Dr. Bob did. Essentially, the process of sponsorship is this: An alcoholic who has made some progress in the recovery program shares that experience on a continuous, individual basis with another alcoholic who is attempting to attain or maintain sobriety through A.A.

When we first begin to attend A.A. meetings, we may feel confused and sick and apprehensive. Although people at meetings respond to our questions willingly, that alone isn't enough. Many other questions occur to us between meetings; we find that we need constant, close support as we begin learning how to "live sober."

So we select an A.A. member with whom we can feel comfortable, someone with whom we can talk freely and confidentially, and we ask that person to be our sponsor.

Whether you are a newcomer who is hesitant about "bothering" anyone, or a member who has been around for some time trying to go it alone, sponsorship is yours for the asking. We urge you: Do not delay. Alcoholics recovered in A.A. want to share what they have learned with other alcoholics. We know from experience that our own sobriety is greatly strengthened when we give it away!

Sponsorship can also mean the responsibility the group as a whole has for helping the newcomer. Today, more and more alcoholics arriving at their first A.A. meeting have had no prior contact with A.A. They have not telephoned a local A.A. intergroup or central office; no member has made a "Twelfth Step call" on them. So, especially for such newcomers, groups are recognizing the need to provide some form of sponsorship help. In many successful groups, sponsorship is one of the most important planned activities of the members.

Sponsorship responsibility is unwritten and informal, but it is a basic part of the A.A. approach to recovery from alcoholism through the Twelve Steps.

Sponsorship can be a long-term relationship. We hope that this pamphlet will provide answers to some of the often-asked questions about the rewarding two-way street called sponsorship — for people who may be seeking sponsors; for A.A. members who want to share their sobriety

through sponsorship; and for groups that wish to develop sponsorship activity (see What procedures can a group set up to sponsor new members? page 23).



**GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS — SEPTEMBER 2019**

Group	Month	Y to D	Group	Month	Y to D
6 O'Clock	\$0.00	\$0.00	Lumberton Singleness of Purpose	\$0.00	\$0.00
A New Beginning (Woodville)	\$0.00	\$60.00	Mid County (Nederland)	\$0.00	\$80.00
Anahuac	\$0.00	\$0.00	Murray Street	\$0.00	\$140.00
Bolivar	\$0.00	\$50.00	Mustard Seed	\$0.00	\$1,064.00
Bridge City	\$0.00	\$0.00	New Life	\$0.00	\$0.00
Buna	\$0.00	\$0.00	Newton	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cornerstone	\$0.00	\$0.00	Nueva Vida (Port Arthur)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Deweyville	\$0.00	\$0.00	Orange	\$0.00	\$110.00
Downtown	\$0.00	\$85.74	Pecan Groves	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$0.00	\$1,930.00	Pineywoods	\$0.00	\$100.00
<b>Fresh Start</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	Pin Oak Group	\$0.00	\$0.00
Friends of Bill (Port Author)	\$0.00	\$0.00	Primary Purpose	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hope Group	\$0.00	\$355.00	Serenity	\$0.00	\$809.27
Jasper Noon	\$0.00	\$201.55	St Francis	\$0.00	\$1,080.97
Jasper Serenity	\$0.00	\$0.00	The Buck Stops Here	\$0.00	\$0.00
Keep It Simple	\$0.00	\$0.00	TLC	\$0.00	\$260.00
Kirbyville	\$0.00	\$88.00	Un Dia A La Vez	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kountze Daylight	\$0.00	\$0.00	Vidor	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lewis Drive	\$0.00	\$0.00	West End	\$0.00	\$200.00
Liberty	\$0.00	\$150.00	<b>Winnie (Unconditional Love)</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>	<b>\$278.00</b>
Lufkin	\$0.00	\$0.00	Way Out	\$0.00	\$0.00
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## Opportunities For Service

### SHARE THE MESSAGE IN THE COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL FACILITIES

We need men and women to go into the County jail on Sat. @ 11:30 each week. There is also a need for men to go into the State and Federal facilities on a weekly basis or even just once a month to give current volunteers a much needed break. Each facility requires a background check before you enter. To find out more information please come to the monthly GSR meeting and talk with the correction committee members or call Intergroup @ 409-832-1107.

### TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE

We need volunteers to go into both the men and the women's facilities.

## Announcements

**Next District 90 GSR Meeting**  
**November 3, 2019 At 2:00 PM**  
**West End Group**  
**1235 Crockett, Beaumont, TX**

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.

**Next 9th Dist. Intergroup Meeting**  
**October 20, 2019 At 2:00 PM**  
**Westgate Memorial Baptist Church**  
**6220 Westgate Drive, Beaumont, TX**

Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend.  
Meeting is held in the rear of the building.



### 3rd ANNUAL NATIONAL CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 1, 2 & 3rd 2019 - Houston, Texas  
*We are Going To Know a New Freedom pg. 83*



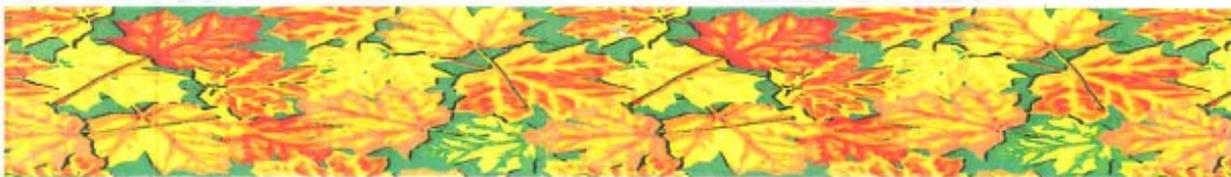
*"We will know a new freedom..."*

<b>Registration</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Banquet</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>

<b>Friday - November 1</b>	<b>Saturday - November 2 (continued)</b>
7:00 PM - Opening Meeting & Area Roll Call	8:00 PM - CFC Speaker
8:00 PM - Speaker Meeting	9:15 PM - Select Host Locations for 2021 NCC
9:30 PM - Sweets & Treats	10:00 PM - Ice Cream Social
<b>Saturday - November 2</b>	
8:00 AM - Speaker Panels & Workshops all day	
9:30 AM TDCJ Speaker	
1:00 PM - TDCJ Volunteer Training	<b>Sunday - November 3</b>
4:30 PM - Spanish Speaker	8:30 AM - Speaker Panel
6:30 PM - Saturday Night Banquet	10:00 AM - Speaker Meeting

**Hotel: DoubleTree Hotel Limited rooms are available... so please reserve your rooms early.**

The Purpose of the National Corrections Conference is for A.A. members interested in Corrections to come together to share experience, exchange information, and hear from trusted servants throughout the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Be sure you mention that you are attending the 2019 BETA National Corrections Conference to receive the \$89 per night single room rate or \$95 double room rate. Breakfast included. All reservations must be made individually through the reservations department at the Double Tree by calling 1-855-619-TREE (855)619-4733



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# District 90 Gratitude Dinner

November 2, 2019



5:00 Al-Anon Speaker : Lottie D (Beaumont, TX)

6:30 Dinner

8:00 AA Speaker- Stuart R. (Irving, TX)

**Westgate Baptist Church**

6220 Westgate Dr

Beaumont, TX 77706

Buy tickets in advance,

**ONLY \$12!!!**

Tickets at the door, **\$15.**



Stepping Stones would like to include, in it's monthly issue, a personal story from District 90 AA group members.

So, in order to get this rolling, we NEED stories from members. Please see our first story on Page 3 of the August *Stepping Stones* issue.

If, in the awesome event, we receive more than one story, we will prioritize by date received and will run them in the next issue until they are all published.

A friendly reminder: Short story 500 -750 words, no profanity. Experience, strength and hope, as it relates to recovery from Alcoholism.

Maybe, you want to do this as a Group project and choose a person from your Group each month to submit a story.

Please e-mail us: [steppingstones@aabeaumont.org](mailto:steppingstones@aabeaumont.org), with your story. Or, drop off at our office Monday thru Friday, 10am-3pm

Thanks Stepping Stones



## Step 10 Principles:

- ⇒ **PERSEVERANCE**
- ⇒ **DISCIPLINE**
- ⇒ **OPEN-MINDEDNESS**

## 10th Promise

**Fear of People and of  
Economic Insecurity  
Will Leave Us**

## Tenth Step Prayer (Growth)

I pray, God,  
that  
You remove  
my  
selfishness,  
dishonesty,  
resentment and fear.