

## An Inventory on My Service Work

### Why Am I in Service? – An Inventory on Myself

Some suggestions for taking this inventory:

- Read Bill W's excellent essay article "Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need" on page 38-42 in *The AA Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
- Read the Big Book of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, especially pages 60-71 (steps three – four), pages 84-85 (step 10), Chapter 8 and Chapter 9.
- Read Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, especially Step 4, Step 10, Step 12, Tradition 1, Tradition 2, Tradition 9, Tradition 12.
- Read the Traditions Checklist from *The AA Grapevine*.
- Read AA Pamphlets, especially *The AA Group* and *GSR*.
- Remember:

"Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people around us"

Page 77, *Alcoholics Anonymous*

1. Why am I in Service? Is it ego? Is it a desire to carry the message? Both? Why did I stand for the position I serve today?
2. Do I regularly do an inventory on myself and my motives in regards to my service work?
3. Am I familiar with the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts?
  - Do I work to apply them not only in my service position but in all of my affairs?
4. Am I responsible to my service position?
  - Do I know what my duties are?
  - Do I practice Step Ten's suggestion – "love and tolerance of others is our code" in carrying out these duties?
  - Do I ask for help when I see that I am unable to fulfill my duties?
  - Do I perform my duties in a timely manner or do I find that I have a pattern of procrastination?
  - Am I working towards Bill W's suggestion of accepting criticism from others with grace, while keeping an open mind on their comments?

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5. Do I accept the group conscience?
  - Do I work to carry it out or do I feel that I need to push for my point of view?
  
6. Do I hold AA's unity as a high priority in my service work?
  
7. Am I conscious of my motives, my tone of voice, and my body language when I am doing service work?
  
8. Am I humble, or do I feel that my position in AA service work (or the number of years I have been in service or the number of years I have been sober) entitles me to certain things?
  - Do I use my service position to gain power or to influence others?
  
9. Do I allow other "trusted servants" serving in AA to grow into their job or am I quick to criticize?
  
10. Are my offers of "help" a disguise for stepping in and controlling?
  
11. Do I trust God no matter what?