



The Scoop

Justice Prevails

When considering the principles which are aligned with the steps, while there is no official set, by consensus, for step nine, many feel that justice is the principle the 9th step of the recovery process deals with restitution and repair woks, and therefore, justice exemplifies the main idea of this step. Many people associate the term justice with the idea of some type of reper-cussion being served on some evil soul who wronged an innocent person. While this would be a certain type of justice, thankfully that is not what is required of us. What we as alcoholics are discussing is a more internally motivated and sincere desire to right wrongs.

If we have been thorough in the works so far, the ideas of both ownership/ responsibility and humility have been brought to the forefront. They are essential for carrying out this step. A great deal of both is required to make progress towards the ideal we are striving to achieve. Obviously, it takes a considerable amount of work for someone to get to this point, that is why it is principle 9. Yet, it does not stop at just making amends. The pursuit of justice means striving to do what is right, fair, and proper at every step of the way. As a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, we learn that there is nothing more important than treating all people with utmost respect. From family to friends to complete strangers, everyone is worth the same fair treatment.

The 12-step process helps the justice process by helping people realize how selfish and destructive their behavior has been. Most alcoholics are good people with a strong built in sense of justice, the problem has been their willingness to ignore that sense or a lack of consistency in its application. The work helps us to identify within ourselves how important it is to go back over our lives in order to connect with that sense of justice. This process not only allows us to treat others well, but is critical in helping us learn how love themselves once again. The age-old adage "justice will prevail" is alive and well in in those to actively practice The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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Step 9: What is an Amends?

After we have made a list of people we have harmed, have reflected carefully upon each instance, and have tried to possess ourselves of the right attitude in which to proceed, we will see that the making of direct amends divides those we should approach into several classes. There will be those who ought to be dealt with just as soon as we become reasonably confident that

we can maintain our sobriety. There will be those to whom we can make only partial restitution, lest complete disclosures do them or others more harm than good. There will be other cases where action ought to be deferred, and still others in which by the very nature of the situation we shall never be able to make direct personal contact at all.

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others

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Amends or Apology?

We are instructed to make direct amends, when possible except when to do so would injure them or others., which is why the oft read Promises directly follow ninth step literature. The purpose of Step 9 of is to take action and apologize to those we have harmed, especially the ne harmed caused by our drinking. This step will provide the alcoholic with peace of mind, relief and liberation from the chains of regret.

While the literature states that our amends list comes from our inventory, it may be helpful to acknowledge that there are some that we can only make partial amends with since further disclosure may cause more harm than good; ones that we shouldn't take action with, yet still must be addressed, and those that we can't make direct contact with because of the nature of the situation. Regardless, we try, through the help and guidance of a sponsor and prayer, we work through our list. Some believe that this is a tell-all errand. Ever felt uncomfortable at someone attempting an amends from the podium by airing ALL their dirty laundry? We don't have to disclose every detail of our mistakes, that was Step FIVE, Full disclosure may harm the one with whom you are making amends, or quite often, other people. We don't get to make ourselves feel any better by increasing the burden of another.



A.A., as such, ought never be organized but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Tradition 9

The words “Let’s keep it simple” were the last Bill W. heard from his fellow founder of A.A., shortly before Dr. Bob’s death in 1950. Aware that “it” means our recovery program, Bill later wrote, “We need to distinguish sharply between spiritual simplicity and functional simplicity. ...When we get into questions of action by groups, by areas, and by A.A. as a whole, we find that we must to some extent organize to carry the message—or else face chaos. And chaos is not simplicity.” When Tradition Nine speaks of “A.A. as such,” it goes to the heart of the A.A. experience, to the “spiritual simplicity” of one alcoholic’s saying, silently perhaps, “Help!” and another alcoholic’s answering, “I know how you feel. We’re here to help you.” Such a relationship couldn’t be organized. Or could it?

In order to practice these principles, ask yourself . . .

1. Do I still try to boss things in A.A.?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of A.A. because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the A.A. – even if no one makes me do so – with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any A.A. job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any A.A. job?
6. Why doesn’t every A.A. group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an A.A. job gracefully – and profit there –by – when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

Traditions Checklist reprinted from the February 1971 Grapevine

Twelve Steps: A Poem

I took Step One, began to moan
I can’t do this one on my own.

I took Step Two, began to pray
Restore me God, please now, today.

I took Step Three, gave up my will
Maybe God could love me still.

I took a Fourth, I looked inside
Nothing more would I hide.

And on the Fifth, I said aloud
I’ve done some wrong, and I’m not proud.

I took Step Six, and got prepared
To lose the defects, I was scared.

Now I’m at Seven, take them away
My God, for this I do pray.

And on Eight, the list was long
Amends to make for all the wrongs.

I took Step Nine, put down my pride
Amends made, I will not hide.

Step Ten I take, each day I pray
I make amends along the way.

And on Eleven I pray to know
Each day His will, which way to go.

I take Step Twelve, I’m like a bird
To others now, I spread the word....

(Author unknown)
Contributed by Fred H.

Quotable Quotes

Justice/Amends

It is the highest form of self-respect to admit our errors and mistakes and make amends for them. To make a mistake is only an error in judgment, but to adhere to it when it is discovered shows infirmity of character. Dale Turner

I don't regret things, because I learn from mistakes. If needs be, I always make amends. Marc Warren

At his best, man is the noblest of all animals; separated from law and justice he is the worst. Aristotle

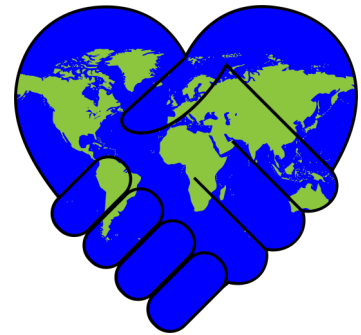
Justice delayed is justice denied. William E. Gladstone

Charity is no substitute for justice withheld. Saint Augustine



World Concept Nine

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.



Concept Nine Explained

“No matter how carefully we design our service structure of principles and relationships, no matter how well we apportion authority and responsibility, the operating results of our structure can be no better than the personal performance of those who must man it and make it work. Good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure. . . . Weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best of structures.” Due to A.A.’s principle of rotation, furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous effort. The base of the service structure — and the source of our leadership — is the General Service Representative. The G.S.R. is the service leader for his or her group, the indispensable link between the group and A.A. as-a-whole. Together the G.S.R.s are A.A.’s group conscience — and together, in their areas, they elect the area committee members and ultimately the delegates and the area’s candidates for trustee. Groups who have not named G.S.R.s should be encouraged to do so. And as the G.S.R.s meet in area assemblies, care and dedication are required. Personal ambitions should be cast aside; feuds and controversies forgotten. “Who are the best qualified people?” should be the thought of all. “No society can function well without able leadership in all its levels, and A.A. can be no exception. Fortunately, our Society is blessed with any amount of real leadership — the active people of today and the potential leaders of tomorrow as each new generation of able members swarms in. We have an abundance of men and women whose dedication, stability, vision, and special skills make them capable of dealing with every possible service assignment. We have only to seek these folks out and trust them to serve us. “A leader in A.A. service is therefore a man (or woman) who can personally put principles, plans and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him and help him with his job. “Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source.

NOT a Glum Lot . . .

Two drunks are driving down the highway drinking beer. All of a sudden they see a police car's lights flashing in the rear view mirror. "What are we going to do?" asks the drunk passenger.

"Don't worry, I know what to do. Peel the label off your bottle and stick it to your forehead. Let me do all the talking."

They pull over and the cop gets out. "May I see your license and registration?" he asks. The guy gives him his license. "Have you been drinking?"

"No officer. We haven't."

"Well, you were weaving back and forth. Are you sure you haven't had anything to drink?" The officer asked.

"I swear officer. I haven't had a sip."

"Well why do you have beer labels on your foreheads?" The man answers, "These aren't labels. We are alcoholics, and we're on the patch."



How many alcoholics does it take to change a light bulb?

Just one - they hold the lightbulb and the whole world revolves around 'em.

Willingness and Amends Word Search

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IMPROVE
INDEMNIFY
JUSTNESS
MODIFY
MORALITY
MORALS
RECOMPENSE
REDRESS
REPAIR
REPARATION
REVISE
RIGHTEOUSNESS

September 2017 Office Manager Report

	Jan - Jul '17	Aug '17	YTD Total
Sales of Goods	\$27,611.43	\$3,532.07	\$31,143.50
Expenses	(\$22,712.92)	(\$1,807.64)	(\$24,520.56)
Cost of Goods	(\$19,657.77)	(\$3,997.12)	(\$23,654.89)
Contributions	\$12,586.64	\$2,117.83	\$14,704.47
Net Income	(\$2,172.62)	(\$154.86)	(\$2,327.48)



Contributions

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Managers Corner

***** NOTE: Contributions are down significantly! Our Central Office is only kept open by contributions from the groups. Expenses continue to rise for our groups and our office, but many people's contributions remain at one dollar (or less). Please consider helping us remain self-supporting! JOIN THE 7th TRADITION CHALLENGE!! ~ Drop the cost of a drink in the basket!*****

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4th ~ Judie M. & Christine B.
5th ~ Christine F. & Wendy W.

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