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The Eleventh (11th) Step

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When we retire at night, we constructively review our day. Were we resentful, selfish, dishonest or afraid? Do we owe an apology? Have we kept something to ourselves which should be discussed with another person at once? Were we kind and loving toward all? What could we have done better? Were we thinking of ourselves most of the time? Or were we thinking of what we could do for others, of what we could pack into the stream of life? But we must be careful not to drift into worry, remorse or morbid reflection, for that would diminish our usefulness to others. After making our review we ask God's forgiveness and inquire what corrective measures should be taken.

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(Source - AA Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous - Chapter 6 - Pg. 86)
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/en_bigbook_chapt6.pdf

Step Eleven

"Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

PRAYER and meditation are our principal means of conscious contact with God.

We A.A.'s are active folk, enjoying the satisfactions of dealing with the realities of life, usually for the first time in our lives, and strenuously trying to help the next alcoholic who comes along. So it isn't surprising that we often tend to slight serious meditation and prayer as something not really necessary. To be sure, we feel it is something that might help us to meet an occasional emergency, but at first many of us are apt to regard it as a somewhat mysterious skill of clergymen, from which we may hope to get a secondhand benefit. Or perhaps we don't believe in these things at all.

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(Source - AA 12 Steps and 12 Traditions Book - Step Eleven - Pg. 96)
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/2022-01/en_step11.pdf

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The Twelfth (12th) Step

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.


AA Big Book

Chapter 7 - Pg. 89 -- WORKING WITH OTHERS

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/en_bigbook_chapt7.pdf

Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail. This is our twelfth suggestion: Carry this message to other alcoholics! You can help when no one else can. You can secure their confidence when others fail. Remember they are very ill. Life will take on new meaning. To watch people recover, to see them help others, to watch loneliness vanish, to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends—this is an experience you must not miss. We know you will not want to miss it. Frequent contact with newcomers and with each other is the bright spot of our lives.

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AA 12 Steps and 12 Traditions - Step Twelve - Pg. 106


https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/2022-01/en_step12.pdf

Step Twelve

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

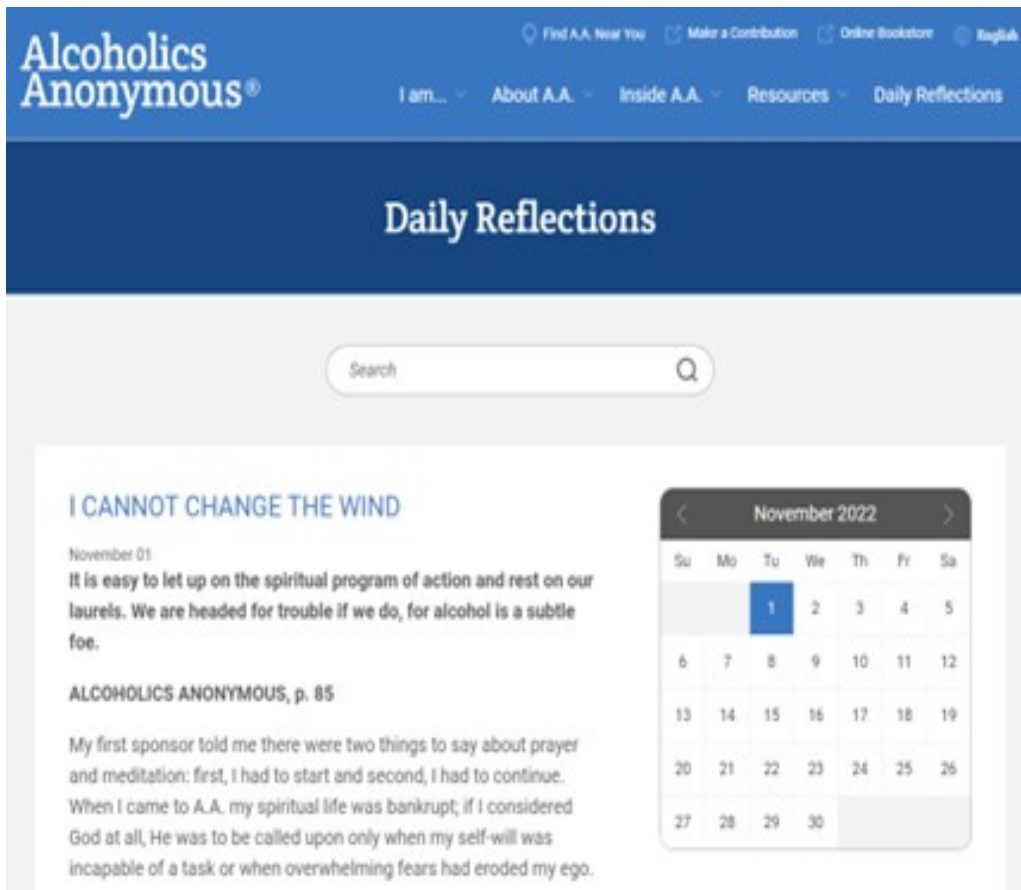
THE joy of living is the theme of A.A.’s Twelfth Step, and action is its key word. Here we turn outward toward our fellow alcoholics who are still in distress. Here we experience the kind of giving that asks no rewards. Here we begin to practice all Twelve Steps of the program in our daily lives so that we and those about us may find emotional sobriety. When the Twelfth Step is seen in its full implication, it is really talking about the kind of love that has no price tag on it.

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Other AA-related Web Sites / Information:

AA-Approved Daily Reflections site: <https://www.aa.org/daily-reflections>



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Also, remember...“Each day, somewhere in the world, recovery begins when one alcoholic talks with one another alcoholic, sharing experience, strength, and hope.” (see below).

FOREWORD TO THIRD EDITION

BY March 1976, when this edition went to the printer, the total worldwide membership of Alcoholics Anonymous was conservatively estimated at more than 1,000,000, with almost 28,000 groups meeting in over 90 countries.

[...then, at the end of this page (xxii), it says...]

In spite of the great increase in the size and the span of this Fellowship, at its core it remains simple and personal. Each day, somewhere in the world, recovery begins when one alcoholic talks with another alcoholic, sharing experience, strength, and hope.

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A Declaration of Unity

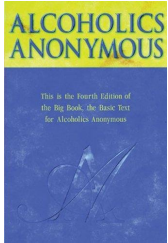
This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

I Am Responsible...

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

A.A.'s Legacy of Service by Bill W.

Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die. Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service. Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship.



BIG BOOK EXCEPRTS (Or...AA Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions Book)

The Nov-Dec reading comes out of the 12&12 -- The last page/last paragraph, of the **12th Step**....
...since we're at the very last Step of the program, this is what the 12&12 has to say about the 12th of 12 Steps...

STEP TWELVE

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These little studies of A.A.'s Twelve Steps now come to a close. We have been considering so many problems that it may appear that A.A. consists mainly of racking dilemmas and troubleshooting. To a certain extent, that is true. We have been talking about problems because we are problem people who have found a way up and out, and who wish to share our knowledge of that way with all who can use it. For it is only by accepting and solving our problems that we can begin to get right with ourselves and with the world about us, and with Him who presides over us all. Understanding is the key to right principles and attitudes, and right action is the key to good living; therefore the joy of good living is the theme of A.A.'s Twelfth Step.

With each passing day of our lives, may every one of us sense more deeply the inner meaning of A.A.'s simple prayer:

God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change,
Courage to change the things we can,
And wisdom to know the difference.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Mid-Mississippi (AA) Events - Winter 2022 October 25, 2022 (please discard all previous calendar versions)</p>				
Month	Event	Details	Day/Date/Time(s)	Location
November	Intergroup / Central Office Monthly Meeting	ALL ARE WELCOME ***WE NEED YOUR GROUP TO SEND REPS.***	Thursday, November 3, 2022 (meets the First Thursday of EVERY MONTH)	533 Commerce St., Corner E. South and Commerce Streets, Downtown Jackson (where Central Group regularly meets)
	32nd Annual Gratitude Roundup	Contact: Laurel W. - 845-656-5336. Best Western reservations (discount) 228-864- 0050 Event starts 4pm Fri.	November 25, 26, 27	Gulf Coast Event Center, 9475 Hwy 49, Gulfport MS 39503 \$35 per person in advance, \$40 at the door
December	AA Southeast Regional Forum -- Sharing & Informational sessions.	Area 27, New Orleans, LA -- Help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.	December 2 - 4, 2022	Hilton New Orleans Airport, 901 Airline Dr., Kenner, LA. To reserve rooms call 1-800- HILTONS and use reservation code AAWS

Thanks to Steve J for the worksheet.

Thanks to Randy B. for distribution

BECOME A FAITHFUL FIVER

“Every AA wants to make sure of his survival from alcoholism, and his well-being afterwards. This is just as it should be. He also wants to do what he can for the survival and well – being of his fellow alco-holics. Therefore, he is bound to have a vital interest in the parlance and well-being of AA itself.” Bill W. Language of the Heart, p 166

Faithful fivers are AA members who pledge at least five dollars each month to support their local Central Office. This idea is catching on around the country. The plan came about when we remembered that many of us had spent far more than \$5.00 a month on alcohol during our drinking days. As a Faithful Fiver, you support the efforts of Mid-Mississippi Intergroup to carry the AA message of hope to still-suffering alcoholics.

To become a faithful fiver, please send your \$5 monthly donation to:



Mid-Mississippi Intergroup
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(above) should be functional **while viewing this PDF on a computer...except** any links contained in the Upcoming Events (pg. 7)...simply because the calendar is a .jpg/picture...)

NEW in this version of the Gazette...

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