

Short Form A.A. Group Inventory

Many groups take an annual inventory by examining our Twelve Traditions, one at a time, to determine how well the group is living up to these principles.

We will read a Tradition in its original “long form” out of the back of the Big Book, then, as a group, ask the corresponding question.

- **One:** Does our group put the interests of any one individual (*oldtimer, newcomer, or anyone else*) above the welfare of the group or above the best interest of A.A. as a whole?
- **Two:** Do we allow for an informed group Conscience? (*See page 18 of the A.A. Group Pamphlet*)
- **Three:** Does our group exclude anyone with a drinking problem? If so, Why?
- **Four:** Does our group do anything that does not conform to any of the other 11 Traditions? When a group makes exceptions for themselves in regards to these Traditions, do we understand how it affects A.A. as a whole?
- **Five:** Do our meetings participate in any activity or discussion that could divert the attention away from that of carrying the A.A. message to alcoholics who want a way out from their drinking problem? (*See Primary Purpose Statement on Page 18 paragraph 3 of the A.A. Group pamphlet*)
- **Six:** Does anything we do imply affiliation or endorsement with any other 12 step fellowship, a treatment facility, club, prison, church, political or religious institution, or any other outside enterprise?

- **Seven:** Is the group fully supported by the voluntary contributions of its own members. (*Both physically and monetarily*)

- **Eight:** Does our group clearly understand the difference between work in the alcoholism field, versus carrying the message of A.A. for fun and for free through 12th Step work as a member of A.A.?

- **Nine:** Does our group resist formal aspects of A.A. because we fear them as authoritative? Or do we elect representatives who attend the district meetings and area assemblies?

- **Ten:** During the meeting, do our members voice an opinion on any issues or controversy that are outside of A.A. IE: "*Problems Other than Alcohol*", politics, medical advice or religion?

- **Eleven:** Does our group publicize any individual A.A. member's full name, occupation and/or photograph at the public level? (*This includes flyers and recordings*)

- **Twelve:** As a group, do we understand the spiritual principles behind these Traditions and are we actively helping new members to learn them? (*Through workshops, speakers, or study groups*) Do we practice personal and group sacrifice for the common good?