# THE COURIER

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November 2022

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# GRATITUDE

### A Full and Thankful Heart...



One exercise that I practice is to try for a full inventory of my blessings and then for a right acceptance of the many gifts that are mine—both temporal and spiritual. Here I try to achieve a state of joyful gratitude. When such a brand of gratitude is repeatedly affirmed and pondered, it can finally displace the natural tendency to congratulate myself on whatever progress I may have been enabled to make in some areas of living. I try hard to hold fast to the truth that a full and thankful heart cannot entertain great conceits. When brimming with gratitude, one's heart heal must surely result in outgoing love, the finest emotion that we can ever know. Bill W.

In 1956 and 1957, there were floor actions at the annual GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCES recommending that Thanksgiving week in those years be designated A.A. Gratitude Week." <u>Acceptance may be the answer to all our problems, but gratitude has to be a close second.</u>

As many in A.A. have discovered, gratitude is a sure cure for self-pity. And can you be resentful at the same time that you're grateful? Some in recovery

will coax their thinking onto spiritual GRATITUDE.

#### The Heart of Spirituality

**Unselfish Motives** 

By Rick R.

What a difficult time we have making the transition, in our thinking, from the conditioning we have received in a largely materialistic world, to a life based on spiritual principles. Most of the people around us have a relatively easy time of it, mainly because they aren't burdened with the disease of alcoholism. They have a life *perspective* that is *closer to the centerline* when it comes to the fears, insecurities, inferiorities, guilt, etc. that the alcoholic faces every day of his/her life. The level of discomfort, caused by these defects, seldom changes without a continuous effort to replace them with thoughts and actions that keep this faulty perception in check. It is well known among A.A. members who have tried to go it alone, based on their knowledge, and have failed, that we may have to change our whole approach. The transition, I referred to, is a most difficult leap to make. This is mainly because of the defiant thinking that we, as alcoholics, have relied upon to protect us from the various authority/ religious/ establishment figures, and our perception of what THEY were trying to get us to think and do. Normal people don't resist these things to the degree that we do, only because their perception, of these things, is not nearly as threatening to them as it is to us. For us, it should be simple to go from a material/practical line of thought to a spiritual/unselfish way of thinking, but it seems that we have to go all the way around the world in order to settle into this simple transition. Why is this so difficult for us? I believe that the word SPIRITUAL often throws a monkey wrench into the works. I believe that our preconceived ideas, based on our conditioning, of what is meant by the word spiritual, is what many of us struggle with or, we simply dismiss it as, more religious dogma, and if we can find a way to bridge that gap, we can get on with a life that is unimaginably good. The things we come to understand in alcoholics anonymous is that, to live a happy and contented life, we need to overcome all the fear, insecurities, low self-esteem, guilt..., by starting the practice of doing unselfish things to overcome our neediness. If we do these things long enough, we find that we are better off than before. (Our perception changes) Things seem to be less threatening and this inspires, (in-spirits) us to reach out even further and see where it takes us.

In the beginning of our AA journey, we are encouraged to take on service responsibilities. Sometimes this is the first time that *we step out of character* and do something for others with no expectation of material reward, but we do end up with an unexpected reward. It lifts our <u>spirit</u>, and we finally feel that we are a part of something. Oh! There's that word <u>spirit</u> again. *If, for the purpose of AA, we just replaced the word spiritual with selflessness*, I think it would take all the difficult transitional roadblocks out of the way. I personally can't see that much difference in the two, for my way of thinking.

The action that we take when reaching out to others, is the first step in understanding unselfish/spiritual principles. When we do these things in the spirit of brightening the life of another, and not for the recognition we are going to receive, we heal both ourselves and the recipient. I believe that <u>THE UNSELFISH MOTIVE</u> (regarding what we do for, and how we treat others), <u>is THE HEART OF SPIRITUALITY</u>. It would be hard to fault a person for what they do when their motive is PURE AND UNSELFISH.

This, I believe, is living in the spirit of all our principles ... that warm feeling in my heart is all the reward I will ever need.



"One night, in a moment of desperation, I got down on my knees and remembered a prayer an old sponsor had given me. It said, 'God, help me be of service ... to something or

NO MATTER WHAT dealing with adversity in sobriety

'Sinking Fast," Edmonton, Alberta, May 2010, No Matter What: Dealing with Adversity in Sobriety

## The ELEVENTH MONTH for ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

**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 pow-

**TRADITION ELEVEN**: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and

**<u>CONCEPT ELEVEN</u>**: "The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern."

#### **TRADITIONS CHECKLIST**

**Traditions Checklist** 

This is a Checklist for Tradition Eleven. Reprinted with permission from Service Material from the General Service Office .

- 1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem unattractive?
- 2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
- 3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around—even within the Fellowship?
- 4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
- 5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
- 6. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

**ELEVENTH STEP PRAYER**: Higher Power, as I understand You, I pray to keep my connection with You open and clear from the confusion of daily life. Through my prayers and meditation I ask especially for freedom from self-will, rationalization, and wishful thinking. I pray for the guidance of correct thought and positive action. Your will Higher Power, not mine, be done.

"The only way I ever found to displace a thought was to put another thought in its stead."

"We Must Banish Fear!" Alexandria, Virginia, August 1950, AA Grapevine



#### A SPRIRITUAL OVERHAUL ... Continued From the October 2022 COURIER Donald W.

#### Fort Myers, Florida

"Here you go, buddy," I said as I placed his coffee mug before him. My friend leaned back from his Big Book with a puzzled look on his face, "Hey, Big Book Thumper, how come they put the evening review stuff before the morning on page 86?" "Well, once again, that is one of the changes that was made in the period from when the Original Manuscript was circulated to group members and friends for comment and feedback, and then those changes were put into the final version published in April 1939" I responded. "In the initial version, the review of the previous day was suggested to be done in the morning followed by taking time to get right for the day. Not sure of the specific reason why, or who suggested the change to separate the instructions, but I think it makes more sense. We will talk more about the evening review when we get to it, but for now, let's focus on the morning guidance."

"OK, I am with you," my friend responded. "Let's start with this," I said, "go ahead and read for me the last paragraph on page 85, the one right before you see *Step Eleven* in squiggly writing." When my friend finished, I said, "That first sentence is a big deal, could you read it again, just the first sentence?"

My friend read back the line, "*Much has already been said about receiving strength, inspiration, and direction from Him who has all knowledge and power.*" I said, "I think that is a big deal, what does that mean to you?". "Ummm," my friend responded, "Was that part of the assignment? I must have read that before, but I never noticed it or placed much significance on it. What am I not seeing?" "Think about it for a moment," I said, "Is your Higher Power providing you with strength, inspiration, and direction in your life today?"

Once again, another "Ummm" response. "Dude," I laughed, "this is not a test. I am asking you to consider your relationship with God and what are the benefits that you are receiving from that relationship. It is not over the top to suggest that it is possible to develop that relationship to the point where, as it says in that paragraph that *We have begun to develop this vital sixth sense*, 'have you considered that?"

"Wow, not really, if I am being honest," my friend said sheepishly, and then, sounding perplexed he blurted out "What is that sixth sense they are talking about anyway?" I was beginning to feel like Sam McCoy on "Law and Order" the moment before the witness cracks. I smiled, "Think about it. As humans we are granted five senses – sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch to be used to navigate our way through life, right? Unless for some reason they are taken away, we pretty much take them for granted, fair to say?" My friend nodded in agreement. "You are familiar with the phrase, 'God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves,' right? I think that is part of that sixth sense deal, God is working in our lives to provide us with strength, inspiration, and direction but the difference is that this sixth sense is not part of the 'standard package' if you will."

"Wait a minute, what?" my friend sounding puzzled. "Think about it," I responded, "you go into the car dealership and one of the options that the salesman tries to pitch you is an upgrade from the standard package to the premium. But to get the premium package, it comes with an additional cost." "Which is?" my friend asked. "We talked about it earlier, remember that line from Step Three – '...*if we stay close to Him and perform His works well*', that is the additional cost that comes with the premium package. The way we stay close to God is through prayer and meditation and doing God's work, helping others, and living the way we believe that God wants us to live. And from my experience, and talking with others, the first one of those actions that we tend to let fall by the wayside are the disciplines of Step Eleven."

"Disciplines?" my friend said quizzically. "Yes, the dictionary defines discipline as a system of rules of conduct or method of practice and that is exactly what those questions are that are presented in Step Eleven. The look on your face just hearing the word discipline reminds me of the look I get when our twelve-year-old granddaughter is reminded that she has a dentist appointment coming up." My friend burst into laughter, "That bad, huh? Yeah, well, as you talked about earlier, I wasn't aware that I might be defiant so my being reluctant to follow a disciplined way of life probably isn't a stretch either. It says something in the book about that if I remember." I responded "It sure does, in fact at the end of this chapter it states, 'We alcoholics are undisciplined. So we let God discipline us in the simple way we have just outlined.' Be careful, my friend, you are starting to sound like a Big Book thumper!".

#### A SPIRITUAL OVERHAUL ... continued from page 4.

"You know, this makes sense. Most of the guys that I know from the rooms can identify with being defiant, but I just assumed that was a guy thing. We want to be in charge. Any thoughts on why we alcoholics are so defiant and push back on discipline?" my friend asked. I nodded and said, "Doctors and psychiatrists who have spent years studying alcoholics have observed that as being common and I have read quite a bit about it. If I am not on the beam, I can't see it myself, but I can see it in others. It is funny how that works. And, the thing is, today I know that my defiance has nothing to do with drinking. For as long as I can remember, even after getting sober, I was defiant. I resisted authority. Simply put, nobody was going to tell me what to do. Discipline? No way, I wrote the rules for myself."

"Another aspect of the typical alcoholic's personality is *grandiosity* which means an exaggerated belief in one's importance which is absurd given the train wreck my life had become. My grandiosity was telling me that I was an exception, I was different, I was a special case. I insisted that I was not only unique and superior, but I was also always right. I was self-reliant. Rules were for other people to follow. That attitude didn't go away when I stopped drinking, but the Twelve Steps gave me the tools to discover the truth about myself – if I was willing to do the work."

When we met two weeks ago, my friend and I agreed that we would break the Step Eleven directions up to better understand the process. I don't know a lot of alcoholics who after doing their personal housecleaning and getting on with the business of making amends spend a significant amount of time meeting with their sponsor to develop a plan for understanding the Step Eleven directions and how to implement them into a daily routine. I am not saying it doesn't happen, I can only go on what I experienced and what I have heard from many AA friends. If the topic does come up in a discussion meeting, it is disappointing to hear many people treat Step Eleven as if it was "optional" or share that they "pray when I am in my car headed to work". Yikes, new meaning I guess to "God is my co-pilot"!

For the past two weeks, my friend had been reading the first two paragraphs of the directions of what to do in the morning and shooting me a text message upon completion with the word 'Done". Earlier he had admitted that he had missed a couple of days, which I said I understood, sometimes mornings bring unexpected changes in those proverbial best-laid plans. But when asked what the circumstances were regarding his lapses, he confessed that he couldn't recall anything specific other than waking up late.

"I didn't want to overload you with information, but I did want to see how you would do with the simple texting activity. You wouldn't be the first guy I suggested this to that apparently was abducted by aliens because I have not heard from or seen them since. I didn't propose you do this as a 'test' but considering our discussion today regarding discipline, this is a pretty good indicator of your willingness to develop your morning routine, incorporating the suggestions in Step Eleven. Your scorecard so far? – dare I say, progress not perfection?"

My friend winced and said, "Amen, brother." I continued, "One point I want to reiterate is that the Step Ten and Step Eleven directions laid out in the book are succinctly packaged up in a couple of paragraphs. That is the good news but within those paragraphs is a whole lot of information, not that that is bad news, but I think it is unrealistic to think that anyone is going to jump in with both feet having little experience with the Step Eleven routines. It takes discipline, yeah, there is that word again, so that is why I suggested starting with small bites and not the whole sandwich for now. So, the first bite of discipline is acknowledging that morning devotion has to happen EVERY day, not only on weekends. I think you have already recognized that is not as simple as it sounds. When I first got into my morning devotion, I had to set my alarm clock thirty minutes earlier than what I usually did. I thought I had enough time to get ready for work in the morning and do my morning stuff but invariably I would end up rushing around and my quiet time suffered. I did not like getting up thirty minutes earlier, but I had to do it. Adding morning quiet time to your life is a disruption to your normal routine at first but just like everything else, you get used to it. That is if you are willing to be disciplined."

At that moment my friend's phone began to blare the theme from the movie "Psycho". "One second," my friend said, "I have to take this, it is my wife calling." One word came into my mind – WOW. After disconnecting my friend said, "I have to get going. I forgot my wife wanted me to be home by three so she could run some errands." "No worries," I said. "Do you think we could do this again next Saturday? Let's go ahead and expand your morning reading to include the remainder of the morning directions on page 87, all the way to the bottom of the page. When we get together next week, we will begin to talk about the material contained in those paragraphs and begin to craft a routine for you based on those directions." "OK, I can do that, and after the reading send the text, right?" "You got it, brother, give me a call if you have any questions, see you next Saturday."

RECOVERY

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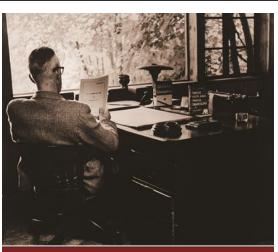
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Email article to: naplesintergroup@yahoo.com Your Groups' Activities Can Be Here Next Month. To Highlight Your Group, Please Call Us: Intergroup Office 239/262-6535

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"Historians may one day point to Alcoholics Anonymous as a society which did far more than achieve a considerable measure of success with alcoholism and its stigma; they may recognize Alcoholics Anonymous to have been a great venture in social pioneering which forged a new instrument for social action, a new therapy based on the kinship of common suffering, one having vast potential for the myriad other ills of mankind.""

From The Lasker Award, presented to AA in 1951, AA Co-Founder, Bill W., January 1952, "The Vision of Tomorrow,", The Language of the Heart



THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings Large Print Edition

# **AA Volunteer Opportunities**



Naples Area Intergroup

Mornings: 9:00 to 12:30 Afternoon:12:30 to 4:00

# and, Telephone Helpline

After-hours, various days.

1-year continuous sobriety.

For information: 239/262-6535

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Twelve Tips for a Sober Joyous Holiday Season
Holiday parties without alcohol may still be a dreary prospect for new AAers. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober. Here are some tips:
1. Line up extra AA activities—meetings, speaking, phone answering, other AA service.
2. Entertain AA friends, especially newcomers.
3. Keep AA phone numbers with you at all times—and use them.

- 4. Find out about special holiday parties, meetings, or other events at groups in our area, and go. If you're shy, take a newer member.
- 5. Skip drinking occasions you're nervous about. Remember your drinking talent for making excuses? Put it to work for you in sobriety.
- 6. If you must attend a drinking party, and can't find a fellow AA to come with you, keep some candy handy.
- 7. You don't have to stay late. Plan for an "important date."
- 8. Go to church. Any church.
- 9. Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on reading, letters, walks.
  - 10.Remember, one day at a time. Don't start now to worry about all those "holiday temptations."

11.If you can't give material gifts this year, you *can* give love.

12."Having had a ...." You already know the Twelfth Step!-

"My daily life is conducted in a manner that is far different from my drinking days. The places I go, the things I do, and the people I am with are a reflection of my spiritual progress. My life is conducted with the knowledge that God is always at my side and guides me through the day. For that, at the end of each day, I say, 'Thank You."

*Fairfield, Connecticut, September* 1978, "Spiritual Progress,", AA Grapevine

Continued prayers for Floridians A impacted by hurricane (5) IAN (2) (1)





#### Next Convention: 2025 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding. The International Convention will take place from July 3 - 6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium.

As the Convention approaches, we will update our website with registration information. Let's celebrate sobriety together in Vancouver in 2025!

International Convention | Alcoholics Anonymous (aa.org)

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/ services/immigrate-canada/inadmissibility/overcome-criminalconvictions.html



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<u>FINANCES</u>	<u>Oct '22</u>	<u>YTD'22</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Literature/Merchandise	\$3,775	\$34,638
Group Contributions	1,824	25,274
AA Birthdays	520	520
Faithful Five	20	409
Individual/Anonymous	200	7,970
<u>Total Income</u>	8,579	67,891
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank/Credit Card Fees	215	1,013
Travel/Licenses/Permits		249
Office Supplies	184	4,463
Office Improve/Repair		355
www Hosting		360
Payroll	1,958	18,584
Dist 20 Inst Committee		177
Postage		163
Printing		459
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	1,123	25,546
Insurance		578
Rent	500	5,000
Sales Tax	257	2,686
Telephone/www	220	2,529
Utilities	100	1,000
Computer Equipment	0	950
Computer Software	75	2,263
Computer/Maintain		
<u>Total Expenses</u>	4,632	66,641
Net Ordinary Income	\$1,058	\$1,250
Other Income	980	3,049
Other Expenses	305	338
NET OTHER INCOME	\$675	\$2,711
NET INCOME	\$1,733	\$3,961

#### November 2022

# Thank You to all who contributed to Naples Intergroup/Central Office

#### Spirituality and Money

"While the work of the group treasurer often involves many details, it is important to remember that the money the treasurer oversees serves a spiritual purpose: it enables each group to fulfill its primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is the fundamental work of A.A. and to continue it the group must keep its doors open. The group treasurer is an important part of this Twelfth Step work."

### **SELF-SUPPORT:**

#### Where Money and Spirituality Mix

Naples Area Intergroup

General Service Office

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District 20

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New York, N. Y. 10116 (New Address) (30%)

<u>Area 15</u>

Wayne H. P.O. Box 311 Safety Harbor, Fl 34695 (10%)

#### Disbursement of a Group's Funds

"After the group's basic needs are met, such as providing for rent, literature, refreshments, and insurance, the group can participate in the financial support of the Fellowship as a whole by sending money to various A.A. service entities: 1) their local Intergroup or Central Office, 2) Area 15 and District 20; and 3) the General Service Office in New York. Many groups provide financial support for their G.S.R.s attending service functions. These entities use contributions in a number of ways, always with the aim of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. The A.A. Group Treasurer, F-96,

> Service material prepared by the General Service Office

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## **GROUP\*/MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS**

The six digit number next to the meeting name is their unique AA Registration Number assigned by the General Service Office in New York. This number signifies they are a "Registered Group"...Those meetings listed without a six digit number are <u>NOT registered with G.S.O.</u> and therefore not a "Group" (by AA definition), but is a "meeting". *\*Please see A.A. pamphlet: "The A.A. Group…where it all begins" P-16* 

Group/Meeting	<u>ост</u>	<u>YTD22</u>
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482	0	107
24 Hour Solution	0	462
After and Before	0	50
Beach Bums 641645	0	600
Big Book Comes Alive	210	416
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101	50	130
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630	0	142
Bonita Banyan, 176463	0	393
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997	0	1,544
Bonita Ladies Night	0	150
Bonita Morning	278	683
Bonita Saturday Night	0	803
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493	0	591
Bonita Springs Step,134588	0	83
Bonita Wed Beginners	0	50
Bonita Women's Step	0	750
Bring Your Own Big Book	0	100
Brown Bag, 163924	0	909
Cake Group	0	40
Common Solutions, 179613	0	2,551
Daily Reflections ZOOM	325	1,370
Early Risers, 161795	0	1,445
Easy Does It, 156979	0	500
Girlfriends	100	300
Gratitude Hour, 134223	0	330
Happy Healers	0	500
Keep It Simple, 651598	176	1,074
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950	0	100
Men Of Naples, 634030	17	225
Monday Noon Daily Reflections	3	87
Morning Reflections, 660700	172	642
Naples Group, 103609	386	1,546

Group/ Meeting	<u>ост</u>	<u>YTD22</u>
Naples Living Sober	0	400
Naples South, 130210		
Naples Young People699130		
New Dawn, 632504	0	622
One Day At A Time	0	150
Park Shore Women	0	400
Pay It Forward	0	1,200
Primary Purpose Marco, 146715	0	2,035
Spiritual Solutions	0	168
Step By Step	0	32
Sunday Night Speakers, 665079	0	53
Swamp Group, 672733	0	50
Tables Of Naples	55	164
Tuesday Women's Step	0	80
Veranda		779
Wanderers, Ave Maria	50	110
We Care, Bonita, 617011	0	220
Where Are We	0	250
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AA Groups/Meetings listed here are those which are either registered as a Group at the AA General Service Office in New York, or, have contributed financially to the Naples Area Intergroup.



# The Birthday Club

Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the AA Birthday Club? Sign up today and be featured in the *Courier*. Show your support for your Central Office. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety will help carry the message to alcoholics who still suffer. Envelopes available at Central Office or from your Intergroup Representative.



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50 years 50 years 42 years 41 years 39 years 35 years 35 years 36 years 34 years 28 years 25 years 22 years 20 years 20 years 18 years 4 years



# **Faithful Fivers Needed**

# 2021 Faithful Fiver Club

## April O, Bill S., James B., Jeanette H., Jim B., Jim H., Judy W, Kathryn Mc, Ken H., Ralph W., Ron L., Theresa R., Tim A.

We are members of A.A. who want the hand of A.A. always to be there in the Naples, Florida area.

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#### \$5.00 per month or \$60.00 per year!

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Sunday, Monday and Ťhursday 7:30pm Joe S., 845-554-8721

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NAPLES AREA **INTERGROUP MEETING Central Office** 1509-2 Pine Ridge Rd. (next to 24 Hour Club) **SECOND** Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm

#### Area 15; Panel 69

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