

# SPONSOR'S INVENTORY

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While we may believe we are doing well, Bill W's philosophy was the good can often be the enemy of the best and for us, only the very best will do.

Knowing that our Program is one which requires rigorous honesty, let's review the following questions.

1. Have I honestly had a spiritual awakening, spiritual experience or psychic change as the result of having worked the 12 step program?
2. Do I clearly understand that my real purpose in learning to live by the Twelve Steps is to be of maximum service to God and the people He places in my life?
3. Do I understand and accept the personal challenge of honoring the Creed of my fellowship? "When anyone, anywhere reaches for help, I want the hand of SAA to always be there and for that, **I am Responsible**"
4. If given the opportunity to help an addict, am I willing to go anywhere, anytime? If I am unable to do so, do I make certain another person will?
5. Do I really understand that I am insuring my sobriety by taking advantage of every opportunity I am given?
6. Am I one who might try to help someone **only** if it is convenient?
7. When given the opportunity to help someone, do I consider it a boost to my ego or do I honestly realize I am accepting God's call to help another?
- 8 Do I know how to determine if a prospect fully understands the seriousness of addiction and if they have the **complete** willingness to go to any lengths to survive?

9. Do I understand my responsibility is to guide those who ask for my help, learn to follow and live by the clear-cut directions of the 12 step program?
10. Do I insist they search for those they can help, that it is their responsibility to try to help others as I have tried to help them?
11. Do I try to help them understand that to the extent they learn to live by our Program will they have a solution to all their problems, that I do not have answers for them?
12. Do I really hold my protégés accountable or do I enable them by accepting their excuses?
13. If someone suggests one of my protégés might be off the path, do I try to defend them or do I listen and then check to see if the person I am working with might be really struggling?
14. Do I really believe that my sobriety is dependent on my constant willingness to try to help others?
15. Do I make sure I have determined if my prospect is an agnostic or possibly an atheist before speaking about God or spirituality?
16. Do I understand the importance of getting a prospect to take the Steps as soon a possible and as quickly as possible.
17. If the prospect lacks the complete willingness to follow directions, am I willing to suggest that they may not have a problem so there is no reason to invest anymore time in trying to help them?

## **PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES**

## **Scriptures**

Just as shepherds watch over their sheep, you must watch over everyone God has placed in your care. Do it willingly in order to please God, and not simply because you think you must. Let it be something you want to do, instead of something you do merely to make money. Don't be bossy to those people who are in your care, but set an example for them. Then when Christ the Chief Shepherd returns, you will be given a crown that will never lose its glory.  
~1 Peter 5:2-4 (CEV)~

**And show your own self in all respects to be a pattern and a model of good deeds and works, teaching what is unadulterated, showing gravity [having the strictest regard for truth and purity of motive], with dignity and seriousness. And let your instruction be sound and fit and wise and wholesome, vigorous and irrefutable and above censure, so that the opponent may be put to shame, finding nothing discrediting or evil to say about us.** ~Titus 2:7,8 (Amp)~

...Be an example to all believers in what you teach, **in the way you live**, in your love, your faith, and your purity. ~1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT)~