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The Fear of a Moral Inventory

Those Tormenting Ghosts of Yesterday

Over the years, I have watched the differing patterns of A.A. members and the degree of the importance of Thoroughness applied to the steps as opposed to simply abstaining from alcohol and with all the empathy and compassion in my heart I try to be available to everyone with an explanation of what I perceive to be the biggest Stumbling Block that stands in the way of the unfortunate ones that never seem to reach the degree of Happiness and Peace of Mind that the program offers. When I am approached by someone who is struggling with this issue my first question would be," Have you completed a thorough Fourth and Fifth step" and if they are honest about it, we have a chance to revisit that part of the program and Neutralize those Tormenting Ghosts of Yesterday. I was that guy in my first attempt at taking the steps and rather than dealing with it I just went to meetings and told funny stories until an event in my life caused me to take a second look at the inventory process and I'm so glad that I got it right the second time around, for if I hadn't, I can see no possible way that I could have followed up with the remaining steps of the program. Most alcoholics are not proud of their past behaviors and live in a constant state of guilt and shame. They believe that they were responsible for those behaviors and that is where the alcohol became the solution (no pun intended) to their problem until it stopped working. There is a difference between Responsibility and Accountability. Most alcoholics believe that they are responsible for becoming an alcoholic and that is the Biggest Misconception concerning this subject, unless, at childbirth, you had the capacity to understand alcoholism and the ability to decide that you wanted to become one. From the day we were born, until we took our first drink, we were conditioned to a degree that alcohol affected us differently than it does for the normal person. Our minds were diseased, and we had no choice in the matter. The symptoms of the disease were the behaviors that followed. Once we are aware of this perception, and become willing to become accountability for those behaviors and make restitution for wrongs done, who could fault us for that? As we continue the steps of the program, we start by recognizing the old alcoholic habits and they are not too hard to change, and we seem to begin that process as soon as we start attending meetings and we deal with the obvious things upfront and if we continue to examine our motives for the things we do, over a period of time, the load gets lighter and lighter. Now comes the Stumbling Blocks I referred to earlier; Those Tormenting Ghosts of Yesterday. Continue....

"Dade a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

There is a big difference between a Habit and a Deed. Habits can be changed, in time, as we establish a new track record and we become an entirely different person. Deeds are an entirely different matter. We can't change history. I'm sure that we all have done things that we would hope that they remain a secret but when they measure up to the term "Tormenting Ghosts" we need to deal with them if we wish to have some degree of Happiness and Peace of Mind. We can't change our history but we can change our Perception of those deeds as Symptoms of the disease of Alcoholism that were part of the conditioning and often things that happened even before we lever took a drink and as painful as they may be, if we spend the rest of our lives living by those unselfish habits, over a period of time, our actions will far outweigh our guilt and shame. We only live once, and it would be a shame if some thing that happened years ago kept us in pain as a result of a symptom of a disease. They are not what we Perceived them to be. By Rick R.





2019 GRAPEVINE ROUNDUP!

APRIL 27TH, **10**AM-**4**PM



BLUE LAKES PARK 4225 SW 92nd Ave Miami, FL 33165



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Perspectives on Step 4

By Dominica A.

My years of addiction landed me in some pretty painful circumstances. Due to using alcohol and other vices to cope, I ended up hurting others and myself. I did things I am ashamed of. I wore a mask, lived a lie, and still walked around with a big smile on my face pretending all was well.

By the time I entered recovery, I was broken, ashamed, depressed, confused, and hopeless. I needed help. Working the 12 steps has been a gateway for serious transformation.

Attend to Your Wounded Inner Child

You'll be writing a lot in Step 4. You'll be looking at your past. You'll be able to get a glimpse of some childhood wounds or traits that you picked up along the way. You'll feel some things you may have been numbing for decades and work through them. You'll courageously tackle any character defects, shortcomings, or internal programming that kept you in bondage.

I felt a huge relief after I completed this step. I squared my shoulders and faced a lot. Then, as I began to heal, I began looking at myself with a new perspective—a loving and compassionate perspective. I forgave myself for my past. Shot my emotional baggage to the moon.

My advice for heading into Step 4 is to allow courage to rise and be completely honest with yourself while doing it. Dig deep. Shed layer after layer of pain, lies, shame, and anger, and get to the guts of who you are: a beautiful and courageous soul!

The Inventory Step

Step 4 is called the Inventory Step. This simply means taking an honest look at all of your good and bad character traits. Peeling back the curtain and exposing IT ALL. When you take inventory, you take notes or write down ALL that you have on hand.

Wait. I have to write down all of my negative character traits? My defects? I have to admit that I hurt others? Own my insanity? Take responsibility for all the times I manipulated, lied, stuffed, etc.?

Yes. Believe it or not, it's important for a solid and life-changing recovery.

Get to the Roots of Addiction

Step 4 is where the rubber met the road for me.

This is the step that really scared me. But at the same time, it got me excited. This is a step that could help me get to the root of my insane thoughts, behaviors, and addictions. I mean, why in the world did I continue to use booze to numb or use people to fill the void? What were the underlying causes?

If there's one thing this step taught me, it's that to get to the buried treasure, you've got to get your hands dirty!

Step 4 prompted me to dig through a lot of "junk" and begin a journey toward healing old wounds and rediscovering the beautiful person I am at my core. Turns out I'd simply forgotten.

How Do You Complete This Step?

Be honest about your moral defects: They can give you insight into why you started drinking in the first place.

Accept that the problem is within yourself and drop the word "blame" from your vocabulary: You and you alone are responsible for your behaviors.

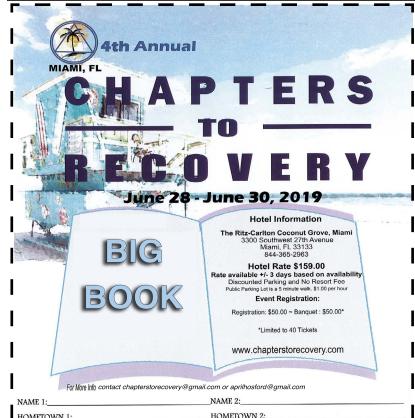
Work closely with your sponsor: They will share their defects with you, too, for comfort and security.











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Big Book "Acceptance was the Answer" page 417

And acceptance is the answer to all my problems today. When I am disturbed, it is because I find some person, place, thing, or situation - some fact of my life - unacceptable to me, and I can find no serenity until I accept that person, place, thing, or situation as being exactly the way it is supposed to be at this moment. Nothing, absolutely nothing happens in God's world by mistake. Until I could accept my alcoholism, I could not stay sober; unless I accept life completely on life's terms, I cannot be happy. I need to concentrate not so much on what needs to be changed in the world as on what needs to be changed in me and my attitudes.

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Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers page 222

On his desk, Dr. Bob had a plaque defining humility: "Perpetual quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble.

It is never to be fretted or vexed, irritable or sore; to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised, it is to have a blessed home in myself where I can go in and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret and be at peace, as un a deep sea of calmness, when all around is seeming trouble."

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THANK YOU!

To all the volunteers and the service they provided in the preparation of our 64th Annual Banquet at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton on March 23rd, 2019.

It was a great night of fellowship and sharing and a night to reconnect with special friends that we don't get to see very often.

To prepare one of these events is not easy, it takes a lot of time and effort from all the people involved. We want you to know we appreciate each one of you for your commitment and dedication in making this event a success.

Also, we would to thank all the people that attended our Banquet; without your support and attendance it would not have been possible to have a successful one. Special thanks to our great Speaker who came all the way down from Canada. Her message was trully inspiring.

We at your Intergroup Office thank you again!

GRUPO CENTRAL

1978 - 2019



41 Aniversario Semana de Compartimiento Del 8 de Abril al 13 de Abril



Sabado Maratonico de 11:00am en adelante.

Sesion Publica Domingo 14 de Abril del 2019 De 1:00pm a 5:00pm

Jorge Mas Canosa Youth Center 250 SW 114th Ave. - Sweetwater

UN DIA A LA VEZ

1999 - 2019

20 Aniversario

Semana de Compartimiento Del 15 de Abril al 20 de Abril a las 12:30pm

Sesion Publica 20 de Abril del 2019 a las 12:30pm

LOCAL DEL GRUPO 32 SW 21st Ct. - Miami 33125



4TO PASO

"Sin miedo hicimos un minucioso inventario moral de nosotros mismos."

4TA TRADICION

"Cada grupo debe ser autónomo, excepto en asuntos que afecten a otros grupos o a Alcohólicos Anónimos considerado como un todo."







Sesion Publica

27 de Abril de 2019 a las 6:00pm

Logia Masonica 601 West 29th St. - Hialeah, FL 33012

Convención Internacional - Detroit, Michigan Julio 2 al 5 de 2020

Para el otoño de 2019, se dispondrá de información sobre la inscripción para la Convención y reservaciones en hoteles. Se proporci nará a la información necesaria en los paquetes de inscripción, que también estarán disponibles en otoño de 2019. El paquete incluirá una lista de números telefónicos a que llamar

para informarse en concreto sobre el alojamiento, el programa, etc. Se faciliará la información por

correo postal a los grupos, oficinas y contactos de A.A. alrededor del mundo, así como por el sitio web.



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Yes, I want to participate in the Faithful Fiver Club!

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Yes, I would For Credit Card recurring	like my name to be added g contribution informa	d in "The Messenger." Ition please call the office	No, I would like to real at: 305.461.2425	main anonymous

"Each day that your Group participates in the work of our local A.A. services, whether through those who "Contribute their Time" or Group Contributions, or Sobriety Contributions, something wonderful happens in A.A. When a newcomer calls us and finds your meeting, it is indeed a miracle. Your contributions show that you care about the services we as a fellowship provide and continued hope for the newcomer that reaches out for help. Words cannot fully express the deep gratitude about the energy that your A.A. Group devotes into carrying the message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic.'

FAITHFUL FIVER FRIENDS are fellow A.A. members who contribute \$5.00 a month to the Intergroup Office as an act of gratitude. Their generosity help us to carry the message of A.A. to the still sick and suffering alcoholics throughout the year! THANK YOU TO OUR FAITHFUL FIVER'S....Your contributions are very much appreciated. **Adam M., 5 Anonymous.**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

GS DISTRICT 10 Monthly Business Meeting

GS DISTRICT 10 Corrections Committee

Miami Bid for FCYPAA

Archives Committee

Remote Communities

Meetings at the CORAL ROOM

1100 Ponce de Leon, CG 305.446.9558 ********

GS DISTRICT 10 Grapevine Committe

1st Sunday of the month @ 2:00pm

GS DISTRICT 10 PI/CPC

4th Saturday of the month @ 3:00pm

GS DISTRICT 10 Literature Committee

2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm

Treatment Committe

3rd Saturday of the Month @ 3:00pm

For more information go to www.district10miami.org



SERVICE IN ACTION

63RD FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

ITALIAN DINNER

First Miami Presbyterian 609 Brickell Ave. Miami FL, 33131 Dinner at 6pm Guest Speaker at 7:30pm

Free with a registration to the state convention 15\$ in advance 20\$ at the door

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CONCEPT FOUR

"Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."

SOBER WAY OUT

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Nancy C. 3

Nicole D. 4

Maria O. 6

Elisa S. 33

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PURPOSE

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Cece 1

Zoran 2

Lety 2

Loly 2

Alfredo 4

Bill 3

Bill 5

Ike 6

Mike 14

Pete 18

Gwen 41

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Just For today... will not be in charge.

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Group Conscience/Business/Service Meetings Brickell Group/3rd Thursday @ 1:05pm

Coral Gables Group/3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm Good Morning Group/3rd Friday @11:00am Happy 1060 Group/3rd Sunday @ 11:45am Happy Hour Group/ 3rd Thursday @ 6:35pm Homestead Group/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm Lincoln Road YP/3rd Sunday @ 7:00pm Little River Group/2nd Sunday @ 7:00pm Miami Young People/3rd Saturday @ 7:00pm New Beginner's # 2/2nd Thursday @ 7:30pm Night Owl Group/2nd Sunday @ 7:00pm North Miami Group/Last Wednesday @ 7:15pm Palmetto Bay/3rd Wednesday @ 6:35pm Primary Purpose/Last Wednesday @ 6:45pm Quinto Paso/1st Monday @ 7:00pm Sabal Palm/3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm Sober Way Out/3rd Sunday @ 7:00pm Something Happens/1st Saturday @ 10:00am South Dade Group/3rd Wednesday @ 7:00pm South Dixie Group/2nd Sunday @ 12:15pm Sunset Group/2nd Friday @ 7:00pm West Miami Group/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm We Stopped in Time/1st Monday @ 9:35pm Young, Sober &Free/Last Sunday @ 8:05pm

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Our most sincere condolences to the family

and Friends of our members JR K. & Craig N.

Whom have recently passed away.

You will be greatly missed by all of us.

Thank you for all your years of service to A.A.

MEETINGS IN RUSSIAN

Do you know any Russian-speaking friend, who has drinking problems? Please invite them to our new 7pm Sunday Russian-speaking Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.



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