

Tradition 5: Take Away Questions

1. Is my group/groups a “spiritual entity”? That is do we live by spiritual principles? Do we have a singular purpose, or do we get distracted with things that divert us?
2. Does my group do anything that could get in the way of the primary purpose and carrying the message to the alcoholic?
3. When we have visitors (non-AA members, students observing, family members) do we make the meeting about them? Or do we still focus on the alcoholic who still suffers?
4. Do we ever use the excuse “well...I am not a GROUP so this tradition doesn’t apply to me?”
5. Am I willing to explain the limitations of AA help? What it is and what it isn’t? Even if that person gets upset?
6. Do I support in my words and actions singleness of purpose within AA? Do I gently suggest to those who are not alcoholics where they might find help?
7. Am I willing to live by singleness of purpose within the context of AA even when that position is not popular?