

THE 12 CONCEPTS OF SERVICE (As stated by Dennis Fitzpatrick)

1. We dedicate our sobriety to serving the group conscience
2. We develop discipline in order to serve the group conscience by obeying it as a trusted servant. We do what God delegates to us through the group.
3. We serve by acting on our conscience through our “Right of Decision” and we trust others when they exercise their “Right of Decision.”
4. We serve through our “Right to Participate” in life and we respect this right in others.
5. We serve the group by having the courage to state a minority opinion when needed and we respect this right in others.
6. God has the ultimate responsibility for our service while we have the active responsibility for carrying the message.
7. We are empowered to give service and we are responsive to the group conscience concerning our service.
8. We are willing to be responsible.
9. We serve by being a personal spiritual example of good leadership: we seek advice, we accept criticism and disagreement, we compromise, we take tough stands, we exercise vision.
10. We are of service by accepting responsibility for the authority God has given us and by respecting the authority God has given to others.
11. We serve with quality and dedication.
12. We are guaranteed selfless service by observing the six warranties:
 - 1) We do not pursue authority, wealth and power.
 - 2) We live by a prudent financial principle: sufficient operating funds plus an ample reserve (one year of operating expenses).
 - 3) We are not dictators and are not placed in a position of unqualified authority over anyone.
 - 4) We seek substantial unanimity whenever possible.
 - 5) We are not personally punitive nor do we incite public controversy.
 - 6) We are democratic in thought and action.

God, I pray that you will help me to set aside all that I think I know about you, God, Alcoholics Anonymous, about me, about the 12 steps, the 12 traditions and the 12 concepts in order that I might have a new experience with you, God, with Alcoholics Anonymous, with me, with the 12 steps, the 12 traditions and the 12 concepts.