

Chapter Seven:
WORKING WITH OTHERS

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Now comes our Primary Purpose!

We are ready to go to work. Having worked the first 11 steps as directed, we have been blessed with a spiritual awakening/experience. We have had a personality change sufficient to recover from alcoholism. Now we go to work with our Program.

If we truly appreciate what God has done for us, we will show him our gratitude by the way we begin to repay our debt to Him and all those who have made it possible for us to live a life filled with peace of mind and a real purpose.

Notice a rather significant change in the wording of this Chapter. Through the first Six Chapters, the words "we" and "our" are used extensively. Bill now begins using the word "you." He points his finger at each of us to make it clear as to whose responsibility it is to try to "Carry this message to other alcoholics!" It is the responsibility of each of us to protect our sobriety by searching out the still-suffering alcoholic and go to them with an attitude of love and service.

Our first responsibility is to the alcoholic who is still suffering from alcoholism -- the newcomer. Chapter Seven gives us clear-cut directions on where to find the sick ones, how to qualify them, how to help the serious drinkers understand what alcoholism is and determine if they, in fact, might be an alcoholic. We are then given directions on how to "sponsor" them into sobriety. Those of us who are willing to apply the experience and knowledge revealed in this Chapter will be blessed with many friends and realize the true joy of living. It is an experience we must not miss. If we do, we will very likely return to drinking and may never have another chance at sobriety.

Remember, it is easier to stay sober than it is to get sober!
Working with others is our insurance against returning to drink.