

CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS IN THE 3RD EDITION BIG BOOK (Compiled by Archie M.)

...in order to save himself he must carry his message to another alcoholic. (page xvi, paragraph 1, lines 7-9)

...strenuous work, one alcoholic with another, was vital to permanent recovery. (page xvi, paragraph 2, lines 10-12)

...A.A.'s had to hang together or die separately. (page xviii, paragraph 2, lines 11,12)

...their ideals must be grounded in a power greater than themselves, if they are to re-create their lives. (page xxvi, paragraph 2, line 3-5)

...unless this person can experience an entire psychic change there is very little hope of his recovery. (page xxvi, paragraph 4, lines 13-15)

...once a psychic change has occurred, the very same person who seemed doomed, who had so many problems he despaired of ever solving them, suddenly finds himself easily able to control his desire for alcohol, the only effort necessary being that required to follow a few simple rules. (page xxvii, paragraph 1, lines 2-7)

...God is concerned with us humans when we want Him enough. (page 12, paragraph 5, lines 1,2)

...when these things were done I would enter upon a new relationship with my Creator; that I would have the elements of a way of living which answered all my problems. (page 13, paragraph 5, lines 1-4)

...if an alcoholic failed to perfect and enlarge his spiritual life through work and self-sacrifice for others, he could not survive the certain trials and low spots ahead. If he did not work, he would surely drink again, and if he drank, he would surely die. (page 14, paragraph 6, lines 6-10)

Faith has to work twenty-four hours a day in and through us, or we perish. (page 16, paragraph 2, lines 4,5)

Our very lives, as ex-problem drinkers, depend upon our constant thought of others and how we may help meet their needs. (page 19, paragraph 4, lines 10-12)

He can go anywhere on this earth where other free men may go without disaster, provided he remains willing to maintain a certain simple attitude. (page 26, paragraph 4, lines 2-5)

...all of us, whatever our race, creed, or color are the children of a living Creator with whom we may form a relationship upon simple and understandable terms as soon as we are willing and honest enough to try. (page 28, paragraph 3, lines 7-11)

It will not take long for you to decide, if you are honest with yourself about it. (page 31, paragraph 3, lines 5,6)

If we are planning to stop drinking, there must be no reservation of any kind, nor any lurking notion that someday we will be immune to alcohol. (page 33, paragraph 1, lines 9-11)

...we must find a spiritual basis of life--or else. (page 44, paragraph 3, lines 5,6...)

as soon as we were able to lay aside prejudice and express even a willingness to believe in a Power greater than ourselves, we commenced to get results... (page 46, paragraph 1, lines 3-6)

As soon as we admitted the possible existence of a Creative Intelligence, a Spirit of the Universe underlying the totality of things, we began to be possessed of a new sense of power and direction, provided we took other simple steps. We found that God does not make too hard terms with those who seek Him. To us, the Realm of Spirit is broad, roomy, all inclusive; never exclusive or forbidding to those who earnestly seek. (page 46, paragraph 2, lines 5-12)

As soon as a man can say that he does believe, or is willing to believe, we emphatically assure him that he is on his way. (page 47, paragraph 2, lines 3-6)

...since they have come to believe in a Power greater than themselves, to take a certain attitude toward that Power, and to do certain simple things, there has been a revolutionary change in their way of living and thinking. (page 50, paragraph 4, lines 2-6)

When we drew near to Him He disclosed Himself to us! (page 57, paragraph 3)

Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path. (page 58, paragraph 1, lines 1,2)

If you have decided you want what we have and are willing to go to any length to get it--then you are ready to take certain steps. (page 58, paragraph 2, lines 3-5)

Being all powerful, He provided what we needed, if we kept close to Him and performed His work well. (page 63, paragraph 1, lines 3,4)

If we were to live, we had to be free of anger. (page 66, paragraph 2, line 1)

Just to the extent that we do as we think He would have us, and humbly rely on Him, does He enable us to match calamity with serenity. (page 68, paragraph 2, lines 5-7)

The right answer will come, if we want it. (page 69, paragraph 3, lines 7,8)

If we are sorry for what we have done, and have the honest desire to let God take us to better things, we believe we will be forgiven and will have learned our lesson. If we are not sorry, and our conduct continues to harm others, we are quite sure to drink. (page 70, paragraph 1, lines 4-9)

We must be entirely honest with somebody if we expect to live long or happily in this world. (page 73, paragraph 4, lines 1,2)

Once we have taken this step, withholding nothing, we are delighted. (page 75, paragraph 2, lines 2-4)

...tell him that we will never get over drinking until we have done our utmost to straighten out the past. (page 77, paragraph 2, lines 2-4)

They will always materialize if we work for them. (page 84, paragraph 1, lines 3,4)

That is how we react so long as we keep in fit spiritual condition. (page 84, paragraph 3, lines 15,16)

What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition. (page 85, paragraph 1, lines 4-6)

If we have carefully followed directions, we have begun to sense the flow of His Spirit into us. (page 85, paragraph 2, lines 3-5)

It works, if we have the proper attitude and work at it. (page 85, paragraph 3, lines 3,4)

If he is to find God, the desire must come from within. (page 95, paragraph 3, lines 5,6)

The only condition is that he trust in God and clean house. (page 98, paragraph 2, lines 2,3)

...we must try to repair the damage immediately lest we pay the penalty by a spree. (page 99, paragraph 1, lines 7-9)

If their old relationship is to be resumed it must be on a better basis... (page 99, paragraph 2, lines 4,5)

If you persist, remarkable things will happen. (page 100, paragraph 1, lines 2,3)

Follow the dictates of a Higher Power and you will presently live in anew and wonderful world, no matter what your present circumstances! (page 100, paragraph 1, lines 6-9)

Assuming we are spiritually fit, we can do all sorts of things alcoholics are not supposed to do. (page 100, paragraph 4, lines 1,2)

...our rule is not to avoid a place where there is drinking, if we have a legitimate reason for being there. (page 101, paragraph 3, lines 1-3)

If you answer these questions satisfactorily, you need have no apprehension. (page 101, paragraph 4, lines 6,7)

You will make mistakes, but if you are in earnest they will not drag you down. (page 117, paragraph 2, lines 4,5)

If you both show a willingness to remedy your own defects, there will belittle need to criticize each other. (page 118, paragraph 2, lines 7-9)

If you cooperate, rather than complain, you will find that his excess enthusiasm will tone down. (page 119, paragraph 2, lines 5-7)

If you are satisfied he really wants to get over drinking, you need not be alarmed. (page 120, paragraph 1, lines 3-5)

Your husband will see at once that he must redouble his spiritual activities if he expects to survive. (page 120, paragraph 1, lines 7-9)

If a repetition is to be prevented, place the problem, along with everything else, in God's hands. (page 120, paragraph 3, lines 10-12)

...they will not take so seriously his periods of crankiness, depression, or apathy, which will disappear when there is tolerance, love, and spiritual understanding. (page 126, paragraph 3, lines 10-13)

...he has barely scratched a limitless lode which will pay dividends only if he mines it for the rest of his life and insists on giving away the entire product. (page 128, paragraph 3, lines 9-12)

If the family cooperates, dad will soon see that he is suffering from a distortion of values. (page 129, paragraph 1, lines 1,2)

If the family will appreciate that dad's current behavior is but a phase of his development, all will be well. (page 129, paragraph 1, lines 6-8)

To get over drinking will require a transformation of thought and attitude. (page 143, paragraph 1, lines 5-7)

...these things have happened among us, they can happen with you. Should you wish them above all else, and be willing to make use of our experience... (page 153, paragraph 1, lines 4-7)

No one is too discredited or has sunk too low to be welcomed cordially--if he means business. (page 161, paragraph 2, lines 6-8)

To duplicate, with such backing, what we have accomplished is only a matter of willingness, patience and labor. (page 163, paragraph 1, lines 4-7)

The answers will come, if your own house is in order. See to it that your relationship with Him is right, and great events will come to pass for you and countless others. (page 164, paragraph 2, lines 5-9)

...we must work together and hang together, else most of us will finally die alone. (page 563, paragraph 2, lines 3,4)

...any alcoholic capable of honestly facing his problems in the light of our experience can recover, provided he does not close his mind to all spiritual concepts. (page 570, paragraph 2, lines 1-4)