

A Summary of the Chapter "To Employers"

What follows is from the chapter "To Employers" in the Original Manuscript of the Big Book. The Original Manuscript is what the Big Book looked like just before the very last changes were made in it. This was found at the end of "To Employers" & gives an interesting review of the chapter that didn't make it into the Big Book. Some of this is also real good advice for Sponsors with new Sponsees. - Barefoot Bill

Being a business man, you might like to have a summary of this chapter. Here it is:

One: Acquaint yourself with the nature of alcoholism.

Two: Be prepared to discount and forget your man's past.

Three: Confidentially offer him medical treatment and cooperation, provided you think he wants to stop.

Four: Have the alcohol thoroughly removed from his system and give him a suitable chance to recover physically.

Five: Have the doctor in attendance present him with this book, but don't cram it down his throat.

Six: Have a frank talk with him when he gets back from his treatment, assuring him of your full support, encouraging him to say anything he wishes about himself, and making it clear the past will not be held against him.

Seven: Ask him to place recovery from alcoholism ahead of all else.

Eight: Don't let him overwork.

Nine: Protect him, when justified, from malicious gossip.

Ten: If, after you have shot the works, he will not stop, then let him go.