

## The Vision from “A Vision For You”

- **The Hideous Four Horsemen**-(151:2) “Terror, Bewilderment, Frustration, Despair.
  - (85:1) Every day is a day when **we must carry the vision of God's will into all of our activities. "How can I best serve Thee - Thy will (not mine) be done." These are thoughts which must go with us constantly.** We can exercise our will power along this line all we wish. It is the proper use of the will.”
1. (152:2) “...I know I must get along without liquor, but how can I? Have you a sufficient substitute? Yes, there is a substitute and it is vastly more than that. It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous. *There you will find release from care, boredom and worry. Your imagination will be fired. Life will mean something at last. The most satisfactory years of your existence lie ahead. Thus we find the fellowship, and so will you.*”
  2. (152:4) “...Among them [fellows of A.A.] you make lifelong friends. You will be bound to them with a new and wonderful ties, for you will both escape disaster together and you will commence shoulder to shoulder your common journey. Then you will know what it means to give of yourself that others may survive and rediscover life...”
  3. (153:1) “...The practical answer is that since 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, we are sure they will come.”
  4. (159:2) “Though they knew they must help other alcoholics if they would remain sober, that motive became secondary. It was transcended by the happiness they found in giving themselves for others. They shared their homes, their slender resources, and gladly devoted their spare hours to fellow-sufferers. They were willing, by day or night, to place a new man in the hospital and visit him afterward...”
  5. (159:2) “...they made an effort to bring the man’s family into a spiritual way of living, thus relieving much worry and suffering.”
  6. (159:3) “Seeing much of each other, scarce an evening passed that someone’s home did not shelter a little gathering of men and women, happy in their release, and constantly thinking how they might present their discovery to some newcomer.”
  7. (159:3) “...it became customary to set apart one night a week for a meeting to be attended by anyone or everyone interested in a spiritual way of life. Aside from fellowship and sociability, the prime objective was to provide a time and place where new people might bring their problems.”
  8. (160:3) “The very practical approach to his problems, the absence of intolerance of any kind, the informality, the genuine democracy, the uncanny understanding which these people had were irresistible.”
  9. (161:0) “**They had visioned the Great Reality-their loving and All Powerful Creator.**”
  10. (161:2) “But life among Alcoholics Anonymous is more than attending gatherings and visiting hospitals. Cleaning up old scrapes, helping to settle family differences, explaining the disinherited son to his irate parents, lending money and securing jobs for each other, when justified-these are everyday occurrences.”
  11. (161:2) “**No one is too discredited or has sunk too low to be welcomed cordially-if he means business.**”
  12. (161:2) “Being wrecked in the same vessel, being restored and united under one God, with hearts and minds attuned to the welfare of others....”
  13. (161:2) “...the things which matter so much to some people [Social distinctions, petty rivalries and jealousies] no longer signify much....”
  14. (162:3) “Thus we grow. And so can you, though you be but one man with this book in your hand. We believe and hope it contains all you will need to begin.”
  15. (163:1) “You forget that you have just now tapped a source of power much greater than yourself. To duplicate, with such backing, what we have accomplished is only a matter of willingness, patience and labor.”
  16. (163:4) “...but if our experience is a criterion, more than half of those approached will become fellows of Alcoholics Anonymous.”
  17. (163:4) “When a few men in this city have found themselves, and have discovered the joy of helping others to face life again, there will be no stopping them until everyone in that town has had his opportunity to recover-if he can and will..”
  18. (164:1) “...so you must remember that **your real reliance is always upon Him. He will show you how to create the fellowship you crave.**”
  19. (164:2) “**God will constantly disclose more to you and to us.**”
  20. (164:2) “**Ask Him** in your morning meditation what you can do each day for the man who is still sick.”
  21. (164:2) “*The answers will come, if your own house is in order.*”
  22. (164:2) “But obviously **you cannot transmit something you haven’t got.**”
  23. (164:2) “**See to it that your relationship with Him is right, and great events will come to pass for you and countless others. This is the Great fact for us.**”
  24. (164:3) “**Abandon yourself to God as you understand God.**”
  25. (164:3) “**Admit your faults to Him and to your fellows.**”
  26. (164:3) “**Clear away the wreckage of your past.**”
  27. (164:3) “**Give freely of what you find and join us.**”
  28. (164:3) “*We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny”*