

# THE PAPER III

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## What God Wants:

*There is a great hue and cry today on the part of some people about those who seek benefit from God. I would like to know where in Heaven's name a bewildered and defeated person is going to go for the help he desperately needs if he doesn't go to God for it.*

*Of course he is concerned about himself. He can't help it. He ought to be. He must be if he is ever going to be made useful to other people.*

*But later on he must also grow up and stop just using God and begin to ask God to use him. Stop asking God to do what he wants, and begin to try to find out what it is that God wants.*

— Reverend Sam Shoemaker  
(Bill Wilson's spiritual mentor)  
1955 International Convention



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### Inconvenient Guilt

While boozing it up out there, in and out of the clinker, I developed a nagging and most inconvenient sense of guilt and remorse. Someone told me that I felt guilty because I *was* guilty, but of course I didn't like that answer at all. But one day, my good-keen-super- intelligent-alcoholic-mind came up with a seemingly simple solution – why yes; I'll just forgive myself and that will be the end of it. Fresh out of the jug I would march into my favorite 'oasis' and explain to the bartender as how the cops have always had it in for me; that I was no different than my friends who were drinking just as much as I. It was not my fault! Problem solved!

Oops! Maybe not, because every time I sobered up, that unpleasant guilty hole radiated ever more brightly throughout my conscience; this coaxed me back to the bar room for predictable and instant relief.

Then, one fine day, I staggered into AA and succumbed to their program of action. The first tool for relief began in Step Five. My sponsor, Carl, (He just celebrated 50 years) burned up most all my guilt-stained and tortured paperwork . . . and as it flamed announced: "Bob, this is your past burning up in smoke. You don't have to feel guilty about all those awful things you did because you are now on God's train and you are no longer doing those things. You are becoming a brand new person every morning you wake up! But if you take just one shot of whisky you get all your guilt back (Thank God I haven't!).

Another guilt removing tool was found in Step Eleven (p. 86), where we are to ask for "*God's forgiveness and inquire what corrective measures should be taken.*" That's the real answer! God's forgiveness!

After all, how foolish it is to ask self to forgive itself. This is almost like someone who has invented his own imaginary god and then asks it for directions. He will *always* get the answer he wants: "Not guilty!" However, God is Truth (*The Great Reality deep within p.- 55*). Only God can truly forgive me. I now possess the miracle of *emotional forgetfulness*; I may remember the most horrid of past experiences intellectually – and even relate them to others – but that old inconvenient dismal sinking feeling of guilt no longer returns!

Bob S.  
Fourth Dimension Group, Richmond, IN

*Guilt is really the reverse side of the coin of pride.*

Bill W.

## Special Events

**July 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, 12 - 3pm**

*A 4-Part Workshop on Steps, Traditions and Concepts*  
Suburban North Club  
1811 S. 10th St. Noblesville, IN 46060

**July 10th, 6-7-8pm**

*Eighth Annual Tuesday Night Big Book Meeting Anniversary*  
Fellowship at 6 Dinner at 7 Speaker at 8  
Rosedale Hills Church  
4450 S Keystone Ave Indianapolis, IN

**July 13th - 15th**

*12th Annual Women's Retreat*  
Fatima Retreat House Indianapolis  
AA 12 Step Weekend Retreat for Women Only  
**\*Registration has been extended to June 1, 2012\***

**July 20-22, 2012, Friday - Sunday**

*11th Step Retreat*  
St. Meinrad Archabbey in The hills of southern Indiana  
All are welcome. This retreat is spiritual, \* Not religious\*

**July 20-22, 2012, Friday - Sunday**

*Canoe with The Crew*  
Hosted by the Indiana Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous INCYPAA  
Blues Canoe Livery, Edinburgh, Indiana

**July 21st 2012**

*Stepping Stones 30th Anniversary*  
Fellowship at 6:30, Speaker at 8:00  
Please bring a dessert.  
Pleasant View Lutheran Church  
801 W. 73rd Street  
Indianapolis, IN

For more information on these and other events, see the Intergroup Web site at  
[www.indyaa.org/events/october.htm](http://www.indyaa.org/events/october.htm)

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*When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer.*

Language of the Heart---Bill W.

(2) Caitlin V.

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(24) Martin B.

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(4) Julie I.

(4) Darren W.

(25) James K.

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(5) Stephen U.

(5) Tasha B.

(26) Jim G.

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(6) Chris W.

(6) Tom W.

(36) Kenneth H.

(7) Ted M..

(7) Jo Ellen H.

(8) Karen M.

(36) Pat I.

(9) Kelly A.

(10) Amber L.

(13) Leonard K.

(38) Kay B.

(13) Nan G.

(13) Martha N.

(17) John O'M

(17) Dale K.

(23) Lisa J.

(23) Karen M.



*July Birthdays*

## Service is the Secret

**Good Jobs Available.....** Benefits Include Meal Plan ..oops.. I mean, Planning a Meal. Special Events Committee is forming for 2013 fun. We need sober, active AA's like you to make it successful. Call Intergroup at 632-7864 for more details.

**Is your future locked - up?** It could be if you become the Co -Chair for the Corrections Committee in Indianapolis Inter-group. For more information about the committee, contact Denise D. or Chris G. Their e-mail and phone numbers are on the fact sheet!

**Our Fifth Tradition States:** Our Primary Purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Our Indianapolis Intergroup has a Fifth Traditions Schedule of meetings in correctional facilities, treatment centers and other institutions to do just that. Groups can sign up at the monthly Intergroup meeting or by contacting the central office.

**Miraculously We Have Saved You a Spot:** Shifts Still Available for TAS Monday through Friday. TAS volunteers take calls from 4:30 to 11:00 pm. Saturday and Sunday are divided into 3 shifts each day. There are some very, very part time positions available on the 5th Friday and Saturday of the month Yes, the 5th! Telephone Answering Service Committee can be reached by e-mail at indytas@gmail.com!

### Your Dream Job Awaits!!!

The Indianapolis Inter-group 12th Step List Committee needs a co-chair. This position offers the chance to talk to AA's all over Indianapolis from the comfort and convenience of your own home. Serious Inquiries please contact Erik D. by calling or e-mailing central office.



### Call 632-7864

"Thank you for calling Alcoholics Anonymous how can we help you". If you can say that, have a year sobriety (suggested) and want to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety you can volunteer at Central Office!

*When Anyone, Anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there... for that, I am responsible.*



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