

# **Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous**

- 1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.**
- 2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.**
- 3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.**
- 4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole.**
- 5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.**
- 6. An NA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.**
- 7. Every NA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**
- 8. Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centres may employ special workers.**
- 9. NA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.**
- 10. Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.**
- 11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.**
- 12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.**