



The Beacon

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From the Editor:

Thank you, Troy H. from Harvest Group, for your submissions to this issue of the Beacon. Hopefully other AA members will, in the future, do the same. See the instructions on the lower left corner for your submissions.

Bill P., Editor

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SERVICE:

The greatest service one can perform is to be a friend to someone. Friendship is not only doing something for someone, but caring for someone, which is what every person needs.

C. Neil Straight

The Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it,

Trusting that He will make all things
right, if I surrender to His will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life,
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.

Reinhold Niebuhr

NOT WHAT WE SAY ABOUT
OUR BLESSINGS,
BUT HOW WE USE THEM,
IS THE TRUE MEASURE
OF OUR GRATITUDE.
-W.T. PURKISER

Our Deepest Fear

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God.

Your playing small does not serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do.

We are born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Submitted by Troy H., Harvest Group

**Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction
ends up being the biggest step in your life.
May you be blessed with the gift of forward motion.
Tip toe if you must, but take the first step to make change happen.**
~Prayables

**"Because each of us, at any moment,
is the sum total of every choice he or she has ever made,
it is not sheer fantasy to expect each day
to be the very best day we have yet lived."
~Grapevine: Savoring Our Sobriety,"
North Hollywood, Calif., August 1982**

**When life seems just a dreary grind;
and things seem fated to annoy;
say something nice to someone else
and watch the world light up with joy.
--Unknown**

**LORD, Let me want what I have.
--Anonymous**

From the book “Alcoholics Anonymous” - Prayer Suggestions

NIGHT PRAYER

God forgive me where I have been resentful, selfish, dishonest or afraid today. Help me to not keep anything to myself but to discuss it all openly with another person - show me where I owe an apology and help me make it. Help me to be kind and loving to all people. Use me in the mainstream of life God. Remove worry, remorse or morbid (sick) reflections that I may be of usefulness to others. AMEN

(p. 86 BB—Paraphrased)

MORNING PRAYER

God direct my thinking today so that it be divorced of self pity, dishonesty, self-will, self-seeking and fear. God inspire my thinking, decisions and intuitions. Help me to relax and take it easy. Free me from doubt and indecision. Guide me through this day and show me my next step. God give me what I need to take care of any problems. I ask all these things that I may be of maximum service to you and my fellow man. AMEN

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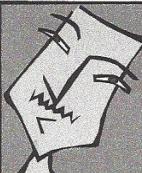
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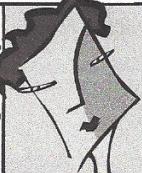
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