

# Two fundamental principles of the Twelve Traditions

## Our connection to a higher power

- The ultimate authority is a loving God as expressed through our group conscience (Tradition 2)

### We need to avoid things which can cut us off from the ultimate authority

- Exclusion and outside affiliations (Tradition 3)
- Taking money from outside (Tradition 7)
- Losing group autonomy (Tradition 4)
- Trying to govern each other (Tradition 9)
- Following personalities rather than principles (Tradition 12)

## Our singleness of purpose

- Each group has but one primary purpose - To carry its message to alcoholics (Tradition 5)

### We need to avoid things that divert us from our primary purpose

- Disunity (Tradition 1)
- Creating facilities that should be separate (Tradition 6)
- Employing people to carry the message (Tradition 8)
- Getting involved in outside issues (Tradition 10)
- Promotion of AA (Tradition 11)



Stay connected

Stay focused