

STEP 9

"MADE DIRECT AMENDS TO SUCH PEOPLE WHEREVER POSSIBLE, EXCEPT WHEN TO DO SO WOULD INJURE THEM OR OTHERS."

(The Principle is Justice)

Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning, we would go to any lengths for victory over alcoholism (Page 76).

Consult with a member of your group.

- a) The chances are that we have domestic troubles.
- b) Most alcoholics owe money.
- c) Perhaps we have committed a criminal offence.
- d) Employer/business problems.
- e) Character assassination.
- f) Family

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through.

- 1. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.
- 2. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.
- 3. We will comprehend the word serenity.
- 4. We will know peace.
- 5. We will see how our experience can benefit others.
- 6. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear.
- 7. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.
- 8. Self-seeking will slip away.
- 9. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.
- 10. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us.
- 11. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.
- 12. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us-sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if **we work for them** (Page 76-84).