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~~Should be studied from the mold angle~~

Chapter Five

HOW IT WORKS

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Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our ~~directions~~. Those who do not recover are people who cannot or will not completely give themselves to this simple program, usually men and women who are constitutionally incapable of being honest with themselves. There are such unfortunates. They are not at fault; they seem to have been born that way. They are naturally incapable of grasping and developing a ~~way~~ of life which demands rigorous honesty. Their chances are less than average. There are those, too, who suffer from grave emotional and mental disorders, but many of them do recover if they have the capacity to be honest.

Our stories disclose in a general way what we used to be like, what happened, and what we are like now. If you have decided you want what we have and are willing to go to any length to get it -- ~~then you are ready to follow directions.~~ ^{take certain steps}

At some of these you ~~may balk~~. ^{we} You ~~may think you can find an easier, softer way.~~ ^{we thought we could} ~~We doubt if you can.~~ With all the earnestness at our command, we beg of you to be fearless and thorough from the very start. Some of us have tried to hold on to our old ideas and the result was nil until we let go absolutely.

Remember that ~~you are~~ ^{we were} dealing with alcohol -- cunning, baffling, powerful! Without help it is too much for ~~you~~. But there is One who has all power -- That One is God. ~~You must find Him now!~~ ^{ad you} (?)

Half measures ~~will~~ ^{we struck} avail you nothing. You stand at the turning point. ~~When we were~~ ^{we asked} yourself under His protection and care with complete abandon. ^{receptive he responded}

Now ~~we think you can take it!~~ Here are the steps we took, which are suggested as ~~your~~ Program of Recovery:

1. Admitted we were powerless over alcohol -- that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care and direction of God as we understood him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs. ^{our understanding of}
6. Were ~~entirely willing~~ ^{ready to have} that God remove all these defects of character ~~from us~~. ^{wouldn't "anxious" express greater humility?}
7. Humbly, ~~on our knees~~, asked Him to remove our ~~shortcomings~~ ^{shortcomings} ~~holding nothing back~~.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make ~~complete~~ amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

His Divine Consideration

