

## Anonymous<sup>®</sup> The Twelve Steps of Emotions Anonymous

- 1. We admitted we were powerless over our emotions 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 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.
- 6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- 7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
- 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
- 11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
- 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message and to practice these principles in all our affairs.
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## The Twelve Traditions of Emotions Anonymous

- 1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on EA 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 EA membership is a desire to become well emotionally.
- 4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or EA as a whole.
- 5. Each group has but one primary purpose < to carry its message to the person who still suffers from emotional problems.
- 6. An EA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the EA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- 7. Every EA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- 8. Emotions Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- 9. EA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- 10.Emotions Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence, the EA 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 our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.
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