

AA UNITY

The Unity of AA is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. Without Unity, the heart of AA would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God (Twelve and Twelve, page 129).

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA Unity (Tradition One). “It becomes plain that the group must survive or the individual will not” (Twelve and Twelve, page 130).

The Unity, the effectiveness, and even the survival of AA will always depend upon our continued willingness to give up some of our personal ambitions and desires for the common safety and welfare. Just as sacrifice means survival for the individual alcoholic, so does sacrifice mean unity and survival for the group and for AA’s entire fellowship (Twelve and Twelve page 115-116).

“As sobriety means long life and happiness for the individual, so does unity mean exactly the same thing to our Society as a whole. Unified we live; disunited we shall perish (letter from Bill W. 1949).