## <u>90 – Twelve Step Programs</u>

Alcoholics Anonymous and other 12 step programs are absolutely NOT Christian based. These are dangerous cult-like groups that are carefully designed to hide the truth about Jesus Christ and true salvation through faith. These programs classify selfish sin as a disease or medical problem. People that participate regularly in these programs have less than a 10% chance of ever quitting their addiction. Groups like "Narcotics Anonymous" bring all of the area drug addicts and dealers together strengthening their drug network of friends. The bible defines getting drunk or high as a sin and if it is continued, it can become an addiction or "stronghold". Only God can break down strongholds! (**2nd Corinthians 10:4**)

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	Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous         Notable Problems With 12-Step Programs			
<ul> <li>Dr. Frank Buchman – Started the "Oxford Group" an occult group which used spirit channeling to gain "higher peace". He worked with the Nazi movement during WWII and Influenced Dr. Bob to start AA.</li> <li>Dr. Bob Smith – Co-Founder of AA. Had severe drug and alcohol problems nearly his entire life. Spent most of his time recruiting people for the Oxford Group of which AA was an offshoot.</li> <li>Bill Wilson – Co-Founder of AA. "To Christ I conceded the certainty of a great man, not too closely followed by those who claimed Him. His moral teaching—most excellent. For myself, I had adopted those parts which seemed convenient with the dot of t</li></ul>		<ul> <li>Nowhere in the 12-steps is Jesus Christ mentioned.</li> <li>Nowhere in the 12-steps is sin mentionedAddiction is a sin problem (stronghold)NOT a sickness, disease, or medical condition.</li> <li>Twelve-step fellowship is based on common sin while Christian fellowship is based on common salvation.</li> <li>The 12-steps promotes that a person is an "alcoholic" for life because it's a disease while a Christian is cleansed from sin by faith in Jesus and strongholds (addictions) are broken down.</li> <li>There are no properly trained leaders involved (Pastors/Deacons).</li> <li>The 12-step program is a self-directed, works-based approach to "recovery" while Christianity requires faith in Jesus for salvation and the leading of the Holy Spirit for maturity and sanctification.</li> <li>The 12-steps promotes the need for the group while Christianity is a personal relationship between an individual and Jesus ChristNOT a "we" or group thing.</li> </ul>		
THE TWELVE STEPS OF AA		THE TRUE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE		
1	We 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.	<b>1-REALIZATION OF TOTAL</b> I realize that I'm a sinner and am	unable to control	
3	Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.	my fleshly lusts. I choose to sin when I know it's wrong because of my pride and selfishness.		
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.	2-SALVATION: I believe that Jesus Christ is God and He gave His life to cover my sins. I ask Jesus to please forgive me of my sins and come into my heart and life to become my personal Lord and Savior.		
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.	<ul> <li>3-SANCTIFICATION:</li> <li>I want to get baptized as a public profession of my faith and salvation.</li> <li>I should find a good church of believers to gather with for worship and fellowship.</li> <li>I must try to allow the Holy Spirit to lead me.</li> <li>I should read the bible and pray to God daily.</li> <li>I need to determine and use my spiritual gifts.</li> <li>I need to spread the good news about Jesus Christ.</li> </ul>		
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 to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.			