

**“...carry this message to the alcoholic who still suffers...” (BB Step 12)**

### **Bill W's quotes:**

AA “Golden text” is this Bill W quote as per Anonymous Number Three in BB member stories:

." Bill was very, very grateful that he had been released from this terrible thing and he had given God the credit for having done it, and he's so grateful about it he wants to tell other people about it. That sentence, "The Lord has been so wonderful to me, curing me of this terrible disease, that I just want to keep telling people about it," has been a sort of a golden text for the A.A. program and for me [*Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., 191]

“It began to look as though religious people were right after all. Here was something at work in a human heart which had done the impossible. My ideas about miracles were drastically revised right then.” ( BB p11 Bill's Story)

“I ruthlessly faced my sins and became willing to have my newfound Friend take them away root and branch. I have not had a drink since.” ( BB p13 Bill's Story)

“I must turn in all things to the Father of Lights who presides over us all.” (BB p 14 Bill's Story)

“Lack of power, that was our dilemma.” (BB p 45 We Agnostics)

“Remember we deal with alcohol, cunning baffling and powerful! Without help it is too much for us. But there is One who has all power, that One is God, may you find Him now.” (BB p50 How it Works)

“Being wrecked in the same vessel, being restored and united under one God, with hearts and minds attuned to the welfare of others, the things which matter so much to some people no longer signify much to them. How could they ?” (BB p 161 A Vision for You)

“Be quick to see how religious people are right. Make use of what they offer.” (BB p 87 Into Action)

“We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny. May God bless you and keep you until then.” (BB p 164 A Vision For You)

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### **Dr. Bob Quotes:**

“At that point our stories didn’t amount to anything to speak of. When we started in on Bill D (Personal Stories Anonymous Number Three) we had no twelve steps, either, we had no traditions. But we were convinced the answers to our problems was in the Good Book. To some of us older ones, the parts we found absolutely essential were Sermon on the Mount (Mathew Chapters 5-7) , the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians, and the Book of James. (Co-Founders Pamphlet p13)

“I didn’t write the twelve steps. I had nothing to do with the writing of them. But I think I probably had something to do with them indirectly....We already had the basic ideas though not in terse and tangible form. We got them as I said as a result of our study of the Good Book. We must have had them. Since then we have learned from experience that they are very important in maintaining sobriety. (Co-Founders Pamphlet p14)

“If you think you are an atheist, an agnostic, a skeptic, or have any other form of intellectual pride which keeps you from accepting what is in this book, then I feel sorry for you. If you still think you are strong enough to beat the game alone, that is your affair. But if you really want to quit drinking liquor for good and all, and sincerely feel that you must have some help, we know that we have an answer for you. It never fails if you go about it with one-half the zeal you have been in the habit of showing when you were getting another drink. Your Heavenly Father will never let you down.

(BB p 181 Doctor Bob’s Nightmare)