## **SLOGANS AND PHRASES HEARD AT 12 STEP MEETINGS**

- 1. Expectations are premeditated resentments.
- 2. Expectations are resentments under construction.
- 3. FAT: Feeling Always Terrible.
- 4. God cannot drive a parked car.
- 5. God will not do for me what I can do for me: PUT THE FORK DOWN.
- 6. GOD: Good Orderly Direction.
- 7. Happy, joyous, and free!
- 8. I am allergic to Sugar; I break out in fat.
- 9. I do not eat paint, Styrofoam or sugar, and I don't envy anybody that does.
- 10. I have resigned from the debating society.
- 11. I want what I want when I want it!!!
- 12. If it works, don't fix it.
- 13. Keep coming back.
- 14. KISS: Keep It Simple Sweetie.
- 15. Let go or get dragged!
- 16. Let it begin with me.
- 17. Misery is optional.
- 18. More will be revealed....
- 19. My best thinking got me into OA.
- 20. Nothing will wreck a binge like OA.
- 21. OA is not a diet and calories club.

- 22. OA is spoken here.
- 23. One step at a time.
- 24. Ours is a spiritual program, not a religious program.
- 25. Patience. Prayer. Persistence. Perseverance. Progress. Process.
- 26. Pause when agitated or doubtful... AA
- 27. Perfectionism is paralysis.
- 28. Pray as if your life depended on it.
- 29. RESENTMENTS: Holding People Accountable To Expectations They Can't Accomplish.
- 30. Resentment is the number one offender.
- 31. Restless, irritable and discontent...unless we can experience a Power greater than ourselves who can relieve us of our compulsion.
- 32. Self will run riot.
- 33. Self-seeking will slip away.
- 34. Stop. Think. Pray.
- 35. Suit up and show up.
- 36. Take what you like and leave the rest.
- 37. The 12 steps are simple, but not easy.
- 38. The "ism" of alcoholism: I. Self. Me.
- 39. The sunlight of the spirit....
- 40. There is a solution.
- 41. The time is now.
- 42. The Twelve Steps are a way of life.
- 43. This too shall pass.

- 44. Trust in God and clean house.
- 45. Trust the process.
- 46. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.
- 47. We have a terminal illness.
- 48. We made a decision.
- 49. We were never meant to recover alone.
- 50. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.
- 51. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.
- 52. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.
- 53. We will *intuitively* know how to handle things, which used to baffle us.
- 54. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.
- 55. We would worry less about what others think of us; if we realized how seldom they do.
- 56. Wear your recovery not your disease.
- 57. What others think of me is none of my business. What I think of me is none of my business. What GOD thinks of me *is my business*.
- 58. What used to be a hunch or an occasional inspiration gradually becomes a working part of the mind. AA
- 59. When in doubt, don't.
- 60. When the student is ready the teacher appears.
- 61. Whoever got up earliest this morning has the most abstinence today.
- 62. Whom you see here, what you hear here, when you leave here, let it stay here.
- 63. Why worry, when you can pray?
- 64. We are as sick as your secrets.

- 65. We don't have to be perfect- just willing.
- 66. You have to WANT recovery not <u>need</u> it.
- 67. You spot it, you got it.
- 68. You may be the only copy of the Big Book someone ever reads.
- 69. Your tissues hold your issues.
- 70. The will of HP will not lead you to where the grace of HP cannot protect you.
- 71. A slipping halo becomes a noose.
- 72. BINGE: Because I'm Not Good Enough.
- 73. Just for Today.
- 74. One Day at a Time.
- 75. Do you want Relief or recovery?
- 76. EGO: Edging God Out
- 77. Faith without works is dead.
- 78. FEAR: Face Everything and Recover.
- 79. FEAR: False Evidence Appearing Real.
- 80. Happiness is not having what you want, but wanting what you have.
- 81. HOW: Honesty, Open mindedness and Willingness
- 82. I came for the vanity and stayed for the sanity.
- 83. If you're too busy to go to a meeting, you're too busy!
- 84. Let Go and Let God/HP
- 85. Life on life's terms.
- 86. Listen to the message: do not judge the messenger.
- 87. Meeting makers make it.

- 88. Not my will, but Thy will be done.
- 89. NUTS: Not Using The Steps
- 90. One bite is too many, a thousand is not enough.
- 91. Let us love you until you can love yourself.
- 92. Progress, not perfection.
- 93. Tears are liquid fat.
- 94. The shortest way out is always through.
- 95. This too shall pass.
- 96. Walk the talk.
- 97. Welcome to OA. Welcome home!
- 98. When in doubt, leave it out.
- 99. Action, not Reaction
- 100. An Attitude of Gratitude
- 101. Before OA, I judged myself by my Intentions, while the world was judging me by my Actions.
- 102. Relapse is not contagious: Recovery is.
- 103. Don't compare your insides with someone else's outsides.
- 104. Failure is not falling down: it is in not getting up.
- 105. HALT: Don't let yourself get too Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired.
- 106. If HP is my co-pilot, I need to change seats.
- 107. Act your way into Right Thinking; don't try to Think your way into Right acting.
- 108. It's about the food, until it's not about the food.
- 109. Plan your work, work your plan; but leave the results up to HP.

- 110. Put the fork down.
- 111. Recovery: a journey, not a destination.
- 112. The elevator is broken; take The Steps!
- 113. This is not a warm-up. This is the main event.
- 114.WAIT! Why am I Talking.
- 115. Carry the message, not the mess.
- 116. Don't tease the disease.
- 117. It's the first car of a train that kills you- not the caboose.
- 118. You don't need to "find God"; He isn't lost.
- 119. The Steps keep us from suicide; the Traditions keep us from homicide.
- 120. Don't speak unless you can improve on silence.
- 121. Action—not reaction.
- 122. Minds are like parachutes; they do not work unless they are open.
- 123. PUSH: Pray until something happens.
- 124. Nothing tastes as good as abstinence feels.
- 125. Share it or wear it.
- 126. We are as sick as our secrets.
- 127.Think!