



What about NA service? Strangely enough, some of us reserve NA service as the one place where we forget our principles. We cease giving people **the benefit of the doubt in a service setting**. We openly accuse others of hatching plots, and we say cruel things because we're not practicing **the principle of kindness**. We set up impossible processes for those we elect to do a job because we're not practicing **the principle of trust**. We become self-righteous, belligerent, and sarcastic. It's ironic that we seem to want to attack **those whom we trust with our very lives** in recovery meetings.

We need to remember to practice spiritual principles in any meeting, whether service or recovery

Service gives us many opportunities to practice spiritual principles...

It's a great paradox that selfless service becomes an expression of our deepest selves. Through our work in the previous steps, we have uncovered a self that cares more about **allowing a Higher Power** to work through us than it cares about recognition and glory. We have uncovered a self that cares more about principles than the exercise of our individual personalities.

Just as our disease is often expressed in self-centeredness, **our recovery is expressed beautifully as selfless service.**