

The Twelve Traditions of CCR

God's word is our guiding rule and our inspiration. Our traditions are what unite us as a group. The ties that bind us to each other and to Jesus Christ are stronger than those which try to tear us apart. Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.

1. Our common welfare must come first. Personal recovery depends on our unity which we have in the Holy Spirit.
2. Our ultimate authority is in a loving and forgiving God as He reveals Himself in the person of Jesus Christ. Our leaders are but His humble servants. Only God Himself and His Word governs our group.
3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop allowing life-controlling problems to rule our lives... to stop using.
4. Each CCR group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or CCR as a whole.
5. CCR groups have one purpose- to carry a message of hope to the addict and alcoholic who still suffers.
6. A CCR group should never endorse, finance or lend the CCR name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every CCR groups should be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Christ Centered Recovery should always remain non-professional, but our ministry centers may employ special workers.
9. CCR, as such, should never be organized, but we may create ministry boards or committees directly responsible for those who serve.
10. Christ Centered Recovery has no opinion on outside issues. The CCR name should never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion. We need to always maintain our personal anonymity at the level of public media.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place biblical principals before personalities.