

From Antlers

Welcome Home



One of the characteristics of a recovery group is that if you walk in the door, you are instantly accepted as belonging there.

"First Timers" are welcomed and told to "keep coming back" but there is no such thing as a visitor. It is like "welcome home".

"First Timers" are given packets of information and a list of telephone

numbers and the offer of friendship from the beginning and it is amazing the love the people in these groups have for each other.

There is no waiting period of judging the situation, you simply belong. Newcomers

actually have a higher status than old timers and belong more than anyone.

One of people's deepest needs is to belong to a community. Everyone who walks into a church needs to belong to the family of God. The nature of their addictions and problems are details. They need to be welcomed home.

No one gets here by accident. They get here because they belong here.

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