

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

#13 “*It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.*”

In 1945 General Douglas MacArthur, signed the Japanese peace treaty, and broadcast a message which said in part:

“Today the guns are silent. A great tragedy is ended. A great victory has been won. The skies no longer rain death—and the seas bear only commerce—men everywhere walk upright in the sunlight. The entire world is at peace. The holy mission has been completed.”

He concluded: *“We have had our last chance. If we do not now devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art, literature and all material and cultural developments of the past two thousand years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.”*

Today, we stand at the same door facing Armageddon. While good economic, political and social institutions are necessary to give us some order and avoid chaos, they will never solve the underlying problem. It still ***“must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.”***

Jesus’ answer to General MacArthur’s plea was simple: *“But seek first His (God’s) Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be yours as well.”* But I was much older before I finally realized I could enter the Kingdom of God *now!*

I intend, therefore, and God willing, to seek, speak, think, live and encourage His Kingdom and His righteousness until I go Home.

From Grandpa With Love

A Note From the Writer

Moving into my nineties caused me to reminisce. It was eye-opening to realize how much I had been changed by one-liners. I decided some of these might give others a new insight or a chuckle, so—enjoy! You can reproduce this material, provided the copies are complete, including this copyright note, and circulated free of charge. © 2016 Marvin J. Martin