

## *One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!*

### # 14 *“All I can tell you, Son, the book is wrong!”*

I attended College and Law School on the G.I. Bill after WWII, which was a new experience for our family. Like many born in the 1800’s, my father only graduated from the eighth grade. Also, like many in his generation, he was successful in business and in life.

I was home from Kansas University for a holiday. Dad and I weren’t agreeing on some point we were discussing. I finally brought in my textbook. Pointing triumphantly at the page, I said in effect, “See, I am right. It says so right there in my book.” Dad didn’t bat an eye. He calmly replied, *“All I can tell you, Son, the book is wrong!”*

I was speechless. Although I didn’t voice it, I was thinking something very close to, “That stubborn old guy. He won’t admit it even when I show him in the book.” It was a long time, and many books later that I finally understood how right he had been. And what a great lesson he was teaching me.

I grew up believing if it was in print it was correct. Over the years I have learned how prevalent bad information can be. The problem is worse today as misinformation on social media and the internet is easily passed on to the world as fact.

The lesson has served me well over the years. I strive to write what is true, at least from my perspective. And then often add, “Remember, we all err. So, test what I say, hold onto what is good (of God)—and discard the rest.”

*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