

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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I vividly remember our wedding day on August 28, 1948. With two of the smallest words in the English language, Ellie and I began the most profound relationship any two people can enjoy in this life. For 61 years we lived and loved, fought and forgave, and had children, grandchildren and now great grandchildren.

At the beginning, I thought married people were to grow together in oneness. At the end, I realized only God could make this happen. At the beginning I thought we could raise children. At the end I knew it was only by the grace of God that children grow up well. At the beginning I thought it was important what I told others. At the end I realized how I lived and modeled were more important.

Like most young people, my only understanding of marriage was watching my parents and other older couples. I had no real understanding of the proper roles of either a husband or wife, until Ellie and I studied and laughed and cried our way through God’s instructions. There He graciously showed us His way, including the need to complete, not compete, with one another.

Our marriage was so good it gave me confidence to marry again late in life. That “*I do!*” turned loneliness into a rich P.S. to life.

The world is obviously unraveling. Order is increasingly giving way to chaos. I am convinced that Godly marriage is the bedrock and cornerstone of society. It gives us companionship, children, security and purpose. With it we can prosper and carry on. Without it we will destroy ourselves as a culture and a civilization.

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