

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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Kansas University Law School in 1948 was a shock to me. When I climbed the steps to old Green Hall I entered a completely different world.

Success in undergraduate school had been dominated by learning and remembering facts, Memorization was the key. Law school required that we learn about orderly statutes and other codified laws, and then understand and apply those principles to a combination of cases involving innumerable circumstances. Memorization was not enough!

Undergraduate grades were usually based on class recitations, periodic tests and finals. In Law School we read, discussed and worked all semester—then succeeded or failed in each course based solely on one 4 hour written examination at the end!

Despite my best efforts I could only achieve mediocre grades. The answer finally came one day in the Law Library as I surveyed hundreds of volumes and thought, “*You can’t memorize all this!*”

I decided I needed to *think!* I continued to study the statutes and the cases, but I also started *really thinking on my own*. It was exhilarating, but terrifying! Especially, when I minored in memorization, and majored in *thinking* through the answers to the 4 hour tests. But it worked!

That was over 65 years ago, and it changed my life. It is a risk to begin to think for ourselves, but it is the only way to be who God made us to be. I am grateful to Him beyond words.

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