

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

### # 25 *“But what will we do if we have a problem?”*

It is much easier and more comfortable to reminisce about our early years than it was to live them. As has been said, “War stories are more fun than wars!” But to encourage you in your own recollections, let me share a favorite story one of my early clients enjoyed relating about the beginning of our relationship.

My young friend was taking responsibility for their family business and he wanted to build his own team. I will never forget the day he brought his father to discuss our representation of their company. What must that older gentleman have thought as he entered my small office, with its used desk and two wooden straight back chairs! Here he was talking with a young, relatively inexperienced, lawyer about to be entrusted with legal responsibility for the company he had been building for years.

As expected, my friend indicated he wanted to use our small, two man firm as he went forward with managing their company. His father’s reply was a classic, “That’s all right, Son”, he said. ***“But what will we do if we have a problem?”***

It was many years before I fully realized I had learned two very valuable lessons. First, was the encouragement I received from my young friend’s willingness to trust me before I was seasoned.

But even more important was the example of his father’s courage in taking a risk so that the next generation could move forward.

I am very grateful for both. And, also, that our relationship lasted until I retired, nearly 40 years later!

*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. © 2017 Marvin J. Martin