

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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During the 1950’s a popular series appeared on television in which various people were encouraged to write their personal beliefs and share them on the screen. I was struggling with my own faith and took the challenge to help me find direction for my life.

On July 22, 1959, a few days before my 34th birthday, alone in my office, I typed out a rather lengthy statement, (that I updated shortly after I reached age 36), entitled, “***This I Believe***”. In essence, I believed I was in control of my destiny. It was as if God put the world together and it was up to us to make it all work out right, which we believed we could do. And it was also up to us to live so we could get into Heaven when we died.

I have often been asked by younger people, “What do you wish you had done differently?” The answer is always the same: “I wish I had surrendered and started to follow Jesus earlier in life, rather than trying to get to Heaven on my own.”

But I have learned we must live each age based on what we hear, see and understand at that time. Some of us find faith as little children. Others during what have been dubbed the “traumatic teens”, or the “twinkling twenties”. And one man I know said he had Social Security before he received eternal security.

Faith is a gift. Some “*hear...see... understand ...and turn*” early in life. For others it takes many years, as it did with me.

But I do get cold chills, when I think I could have waited too long to accept His offer!

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