

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

3 “*Save some, spend some, give some*”

My pay allowance for work done on our little farm was 25¢ a week. That doesn't sound like much, but it really wasn't so bad because 25¢ would buy two hamburgers (5¢ each), a “coke” (5¢) and a Saturday Movie Matinee (10¢). Along with the allowance came the admonition to “*save some, spend some, give some*”.

Saving wasn't too hard. I still recall Dad opening an account for me with an initial \$5.00. I enjoyed seeing the numbers slowly climb as I put away part of my 25¢ each week. But later I had to be careful not to fall in love with my bank account.

Spending then became a little too easy. I found myself about age 30 with nothing much in the bank. I decided never again!

Giving was the hardest since we were taught self-reliance. Gradually the Bible made it clear I was simply a receiver who was to enjoy, increase and then distribute the gifts entrusted to me.

As I look back now, I see *saving* was much better than debt. *Spending* brought a lot of pleasure. And *giving* to others helped us both.

Dad's little money-mantra was really about balance. When I learned to use moderation and “*save some, spend some, give some*”, life became fuller and much richer. More beautiful and enjoyable—for me and for others!

Lord, thanks for Godly lessons our parents patiently poured into us over the years. Help us pass them on to those who follow us.

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