

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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As the years progressed, my law practice became largely centered on management’s role in employer-employee relations. I was aware of the destruction, violence and intimidation sometimes connected with strikes, but I thought we lawyers were safe.

That all changed one cold night in February, 1964, when the telephone rang about 12:30 a.m., and my law partner announced, “I just received a call from the police department. Our office has been bombed!” When I arrived, the place was a mess: broken windows, ceilings ripped apart, and doors blasted off their hinges. A simple, homemade concussion bomb had done its work!

The next morning the newspapers again carried headlines similar to those which had become familiar to me over the years, but now for the first time, were very real and personal:

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I had heard about industrial civil war and viewed its disastrous effects as a lawyer, but now I understood it on a *personal* level!

Knowing *about* something and *personally* experiencing it are entirely different. It often changes our life, sometimes dramatically. After having *our* office bombed, I found myself gradually more interested in building harmony in the workplace, rather than coming in after the fact and trying to win the war.

Looking back it seems whoever threw the bomb meant it for evil, but God used it for good. I have found He often does that—especially if we are relying on Him, not just ourselves.

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