

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

### **#6 “*Never work for anyone else.*”**

I wish you could have known my father, James Claude Martin, aka “J.C.” He was born in 1877 and was 47 years old when I arrived. In a way he was a little like the grandfather figure I never knew. He lived in the age of personal responsibility and staunch individualism. He wanted the same for us, and encouraged us, “*Never work for anyone else.*”

Dad grew up on a farm in Missouri and left home at age 14. He worked on a cattle ranch, traded properties, operated a funeral parlor after taking a two week course on embalming, owned a general store and ended up a Wichita builder.

Those were the days when there were home-owned shops and companies everywhere we walked. No giant international companies, or chain stores or franchises. The food and the products were vastly inferior to those we have today, but somehow the men who operated those little shops and companies often seemed much larger, even though their workplaces were smaller.

I enjoyed working independently, but the work world has changed. Today, most people work for someone else. The real challenge is to do our work “*with all your heart as working for the Lord*”.

The Bible says it is a gift of God to find satisfaction in our toil. For me, real satisfaction came when I *surrendered my independence and became dependent on God*, and *interdependent* with others He is using to carry out His work!

*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