

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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I was 16 years old when World War II began in December, 1941. It was an Air dominated war. All many of us could think about was getting to fly. After two years of waiting and taking high-school courses to help prepare us, some of my friends and I left for Army Air Corps (as it was known in those days) training.

As Aviation Cadets, they tested us to determine whether we should be a Pilot, Navigator or Bombardier. My highest score was as a Navigator, who thinks and plans. My lowest passing score was as a Pilot, who is more interested in action and reaching the objective. I wanted to be a Pilot since that was the glory seat. They said, “*You are a Navigator.*” I thought they were wrong.

But as the years rolled by, I came to the realization they were right. I learned I could fly an airplane, but I will never be a Pilot. Instead I have been a Navigator all my life, and functioned as a Navigator does, by determining where we are, where we want to go, and how we get there.

Chuck Swindoll, in his excellent book, “*Saying It Well*” encourages us, “*Know who you are; Accept who you are; Be who you are.*” It is hard enough to know who we are, but sometimes it is even harder to accept who we are.

Until I accept and become the person God has planned, I never fit. I know it, and so do others. Once I let go and become the person God designed, I enjoy me—and so do others.

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