

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

45 “*Can I have your money?*”

It was my 49th birthday and I was looking forward to moving into what someone had described to me as “The Fabulous Fifties”. Our whole family was seated around the table just after completing our dinner, and I was feeling philosophical.

“Some time ago,” I said, “I heard of a man who was discussing the stages of life. He said when he was a young boy, his greatest desire was for ‘food’. As he grew older, his desire changed to ‘money’, because that would allow him to buy all the food or other things he wanted. Still later, his desire was for ‘time’, because he found with time he could make the money to buy the things he wanted. But finally, he concluded the most important thing in life was ‘relationships’. That is where I am now,” I announced as I surveyed all those nearest and dearest to me. “To me, relationships--you all-- are the most important thing in life!”

There was quiet for a moment. Then my 19 year old son, with a smile in his eyes, spoke up and said, “***Can I have your money?***”

Earlier in my life, relationships had not been so important to me. As a result, I had found myself living in conflict much of the time. Now, I was beginning to experience one of the greatest rewards of my new life in Christ. And it was not only a blessing for me. It helped everyone around me: family, business and friends.

Relationships truly are the prize of life, but sometimes we don’t realize it until we are older and look back.

I often wonder where we would all be if God had not rescued 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. © 2017 Marvin J. Martin