

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

### # 46 “*The Sermon on the Mount*”

After committing my life to Jesus, I couldn't seem to get enough of the Bible. I was especially attracted to Mathew 5-7, commonly referred to as “*The Sermon on the Mount*”. Like any modern-day sermon it can be read in about 20 minutes, but it is so profound it has inspired almost innumerable books, articles and sermons.

My faith and understanding were immeasurably strengthened as I read, memorized and meditated on these scriptures. Over the years I wrote a booklet, then lyrics for a concert with our daughter, which in turn became a series of poems and short explanation of the Sermon. Each one increased my awe at God's words.

Later, our daughter and her four children memorized the Sermon over several years, laying aside agreed sums for each section which they used for a family trip to Hawaii.

Life spelled out in this Sermon is often opposite to life in the world. For example, if we want to be great, be the servant of all. If we want to live forever, we die to ourselves here. If we want to be rich in Heaven, we give up the pursuit of pleasure, possessions, power and position here on earth.

The Sermon on the Mount has been described as the language of the Kingdom of God. And, like the runner in the movie *Chariots of Fire*, when I speak and live His language, I feel His pleasure.

I can't recite the Sermon from memory any more, but those few words have dramatically changed my life—and countless others—in this world and for eternity!

*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