

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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As I moved into my fifties, I was challenged by a man who had been investing his life in me. He said rather pointedly, ***“I think it is time for you to start investing your life in other people.”*** My answer was honest, but not very spiritual. I responded, “I don’t think much of the idea. But because you have asked me, I will!”

I understood pouring into my physical family, but the thought of investing spiritually in others was new to me. But I felt deeply indebted to this former stranger who had taken me under his wing and poured his life into mine, meeting together, praying, memorizing scripture and taking me with him to conferences and opportunities to learn and share our faith with others. I knew I needed to pass it on.

It was one of the major decisions of my life. My world of achievement, accumulation and making a name for myself paled in comparison to the deep satisfaction God gave me as I began to carry out this new role.

One of the best parts has been the knowledge that everything God uses me to invest in other people is eternal. Those investments can’t be wiped out. They don’t depend on a government guarantee. They won’t be affected by stock market crashes, real estate bubbles, or global conflicts.

Jesus told us to lay up lasting treasures in Heaven. That surely must include the people He brings into our lives. What a reunion!

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