

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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Some people have a rare ability to say things in a way we remember. One of the men who took me with him as he followed Jesus had that gift. And one of the phrases he used became a part of my life.

It happened after he suggested I begin to work with other men. I didn't know where to begin. But it finally fell into place and gave me an unforgettable lesson when he admonished, “***Always keep your rare-bird net ready!***”

That was many years ago and his advice has repeatedly blessed me with men God brought into my life. The easiest were those who, like me, openly called and asked for help. Others didn't voice it, but they were obviously hungry. They didn't know how to ask and seemed relieved and eager when they were invited.

I finally realized all of us have times in life when we are especially teachable. At change times and crisis times, people are often ready to learn, and will reach out for help. At other times they are too busy, it seems, to ask or even to listen. Later these individuals may surface and let us know they are listening and want more.

But however we detect an interest and hunger, it is good to remember my old friend's advice: “***Always keep your rare-bird net ready!***” Then we can extend to them the same “right hand of fellowship” that was offered to me many years ago.

When that happens, we each profit as we walk together with the Lord and one another—and learn from both!

From Grandpa With Lovey

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. © 2018 Marvin J. Martin