

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

### **# 54 “*Harmony in the Workplace*”**

My law practice ultimately centered on labor relations particularly those involving unions. For years, I watched the battles, including bitter, even violent, “strikes” which often left deep scars.

In an effort to find a better way, I analyzed 25 or 30 union disputes we had handled. Each night after work, I would sit in our basement reviewing these cases. I thought the issue would be about money, but I found it was really about relationships, and we usually fought about the money after relationships were broken.

I found four common problems and antidotes: Faulty Supervision needed Servant Leadership; Change needed Communication; Incompetence needed Discipline (as in Disciple) and Divided Houses needed Security. As these principles were taught and applied we began to see relationships strengthened and discord minimized. We named it “*Harmony in the Workplace*”, and the principles ultimately found their way into booklets and finally the *From Grandpa With Love* series.

One of our most precious gifts is relationships—in a business or a family or a church. But we need to be willing to let God use us to be loved and to love in order for relationships to flourish.

It is as if God wants to conduct a wondrous human orchestra, designed to make beautiful music as He fits each unique note in with all the other notes in a “*Heavenly Harmony*” for our enjoyment and His Glory.

I believe the result might sound like—or at least close to—the music of a choir of angels!

*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. © 2018 Marvin J. Martin