

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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Some people like to live on the edge of life. They delight in pushing the boundaries. Thrills and excitement seem to be intoxicating and irresistible. But it wasn't me.

I don't know when it was I realized I was a lot happier when I could “*Live with a margin!*” It became one of the maxims of my life. It removed much of the worry and stress as I learned to “keep a little gas in the tank and a little money in the bank.” Starting early for an appointment and retaining a little energy for emergencies was easy and natural for me. It helped me care for myself and those for whom I was responsible.

Today, the world encourages us to “borrow and buy”. Instead of accumulating the necessary money to make a purchase, we are increasingly told we should borrow now and pay later. The result has been a massive explosion of debt, personally, in business and in government. That, in turn, has diminished the value of money world-wide, reduced interest on savings to almost zero, and made it seem outdated to save and “*Live with a margin!*”

The ancient Israelites were told if they would follow God's instructions they would borrow from none and lend to many. Our society has not followed that mandate so we are awash in debt and the servant of our lenders.

I realize God expects us to be interdependent, and there are times we need to be willing to accept aid from others. But I have found a margin sure helps *me* do what He has given *me* to do!

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