

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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I mentioned earlier two provocative questions I was asked by a friend’s mother at a dinner party we were attending. We discussed the first question in the last One-Liner. But the second question was very timely as I was entering my sixties and wondering about my future. The woman and her husband were in their eighties, so I listened attentively. “Another decision you must make in life,” I was told, is “***How much is enough?***”

How much money? How much house? How many children? How much work? How much travel? How much is enough—of everything? As I thought about the issue I determined there were some areas about my law work where I now had enough. I made the following decisions—and I never regretted them.

No More Trial Work. This is a game for young men or old lions. I decided I was neither. *No More Firm Management.* Those who are following cannot take their rightful place of leadership until we get out of the way. *No More Acquisition of Capital.* I decided that trading any more of my life for extra money wasn’t a wise exchange. *Setting A Time Table.* I announced to my partners, that at age sixty-five I would sell my interest in the firm and go “of counsel”, and I would retire at age seventy.

I do not know what decision you will or should make at your stage of life. But I do believe we should review our lives periodically and ask ourselves the question,

“How much is enough?”

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