

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

### **# 63 “*Complete—Don’t Compete!*”**

God gave us a heart to compete. But a quick survey of my Bible revealed a startling fact: the words “competition” and “winner” do not even appear in these scriptures, and related terms such as “compete, win, wins and winners” appear less than 25 times!

So I asked myself, “Against whom am I to compete, and for what?” I decided He wants me to fight—but not against others. Instead, I am to compete against Satan and evil for God’s Glory and for the benefit of His Kingdom and other people.

The Apostle John’s record of Jesus’s final discussion with His disciples makes it clear He wanted *oneness*, not *competition*, among his followers. This seemed especially applicable to the relationships in marriage.

As my wife Ellie and I struggled to follow Him, we found that husbands and wives are to *complete*, rather than *compete* with each other as the *two become one*. We worked through the Biblical roles of Husband and Wife, and I wrote our conclusions in “***Complete—Don’t Compete!***” Gradually, I began to see it is also true in *all* of life: in our churches, our work world and our community as well as our homes.

When we give up the battle to be *first* or to have the *most* or to be the *best*, we may not become *great* in the temporary Kingdom of the World.

But we surely do gain an indescribable peace and contentment in the eternal Kingdom of God that far outweighs the cost!

*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