

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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Much has been written and discussed about the unrealized potential of healthy retirees who have time to help others as unpaid volunteers. However, it seems most of us will major in retirement doing what was a minor during our working lives. In essence, our avocation before retirement often becomes our vocation after retirement, whether it's working with our investments, teaching Bible studies, or playing golf. We don't seem to change to something new, as much as we expand what we were already doing.

My reassignment came shortly before my 65th birthday. After many months of asking directions, I was awakened early one morning with a sense of peace and a voice saying,

“Your assignment for the rest of your life is simply to love people, and to love me.”

When I asked, it was repeated. I was overwhelmed with the simplicity of it. So basic!

I know the Bible, through such scriptures as the Great Commandment and the Ten Commandments, always put God first and man second. But the order was reversed for me, perhaps because it was easier to love a perfect God whom I have not seen, rather than imperfect people, with whom I live and work and live.

I guess I wanted to do something *great for God*. Instead, God wanted to do something *really great through me!*

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