

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

65 “*What is that to you?*”

Institutions are necessary, but they aren't perfect. If we don't participate in them we have to live isolated lives. If we do join in, they often ask (and sometimes require) us to submit to what they believe. As a result many of us have a running battle with our need to participate and the desire to stay true to our own convictions.

As the years progressed, one of my favorite institutions gradually became more and more liberal. I tried to solve the dilemma by being a member but not accepting any more leadership roles. It came to a head when I was asked to serve on the governing board.

I knew I was in the minority about their direction and I struggled between loyalty to the group and following my own principles. When the last evening came for making my decision I decided to walk and pray until God gave me the answer. When no light came, I told myself (and the Lord) I would recite scriptures I had committed to memory and trust Him to give me the direction I should go.

God finally gave me my answer as I recalled Peter's discussion with Jesus at the Sea of Galilee after His resurrection. Three times Peter was asked if he loved Jesus. Each time he answered in the affirmative and received marching orders. Then Peter turned from his own responsibilities and asked Jesus about the Apostle John.

I knew immediately Jesus' answer to Peter was my answer, too!

Jesus simply said, “***What is that to you? You must follow 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