

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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When we are young we often daydream about what we will be when we “grow up”. We study and work to become useful and to achieve status and recognition. My avenue was the practice of law.

First, came an undergraduate degree, then a law degree and finally our bar exams. Learning we had passed and being officially sworn in was an exhilarating experience! After years of work we were lawyers! We announced it to all the world by the words on the entrance to the office and by the certificate hung on the wall.

As the years rolled by it became a part of me. Or, perhaps, I became a part of the law. Sometimes it was difficult to sort out who I was from what I did.

That all changed after I accepted Jesus as divine, and pledged to give God all of myself I was able. It gradually became clear the law was good and necessary to keep order in this world—but it wasn’t going to go with me into eternity. There we will have new resurrection bodies and a new Kingdom. Being a lawyer (or a doctor, businessman, educator or any other earthly occupation) won’t count. There will be no certificates in Heaven announcing our accomplishments.

It stroked my ego when someone introduced me as a lawyer. But I will always be grateful to one man who helped me recognize what was eternally important, when he looked at me and said candidly, ***“You always were more of a Person than a Lawyer!”***

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