

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

### **# 68 “*Turn the world right side up!*”**

After I decided to follow Jesus, it didn’t take long to realize that the teachings of Jesus and the Bible often seemed upside down from the ways of the world.

As I read through the New Testament one year, I decided to test the concept by drawing upside-down stick figures where the Bible’s teachings were opposite to our everyday world. The conclusion was obvious as the upside-down stick figures gradually sprinkled across the pages.

I began to see there are two kingdoms: The temporary Kingdom of the World and the eternal Kingdom of God. And we don’t understand God’s Kingdom until we decide to follow and obey Him. Until then, going into the Bible is like walking into a house and the furniture is all on the ceiling. You say, “What a strange and crazy house! It’s all upside down!” But one day, you surrender your life to Christ and are “born again”. When you walk into this same house the next time, you realize that your feet are planted on the ceiling. God’s gravity for you has now shifted from earth to Heaven. *You suddenly realize the furniture wasn’t upside down, you were!*

This realization opened up a whole new life for me. It changed how I thought, understood the Bible and how I was to conduct myself. It made me realize it wasn’t my responsibility to make the world right. Only the Lord can do that.

Instead, I am to pray that *Jesus* would “***Turn the world right side up***”—and let Him use me while He does it!

*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