

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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For many years I did not sufficiently appreciate the difference between our vocation and our job or profession. The world interchanges these terms and so did I. Gradually, however, I began to see our vocation, or what I now often refer to as our “voca”, as in “vocal”, is actually “***Our Call***” from God.

Our job or profession is the way we financially support ourselves, but only *one* place where we carry out our calling. Thus, if I am called to bring *harmony*, then I do it not only in my job or profession, but also in my home, church and community. And what a joy it is to find God has equipped us perfectly for what He calls us to do. In fact, it is one way we know it is “***Our Call***”!

Our calling may change as we move through life. I don’t think we abolish or abandon what we were doing as much as we build on it. Age, health or other factors may cause us to retire from our job or our profession, but not from our calling. We are still to be about God’s business, in whatever way he calls us to speak or to serve, even though we may now be financially supported by pensions or savings rather than by salaries or other earned income.

And when we retire from the work world, we have the golden opportunity to build on our early years to complete the final work God has for us in these later years.

Like Peter, we don’t stop being fishermen; but now we are often freed up to concentrate on being “*fishers of men*”, without having to concern ourselves with catching fish!

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