

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

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Sometime ago a long-time friend and former client and I were discussing some of the deeper questions of faith. I mentioned how much my life had changed after I surrendered my will and accepted Jesus as divine. For me it had been like night and day.

“But, Marvin”, he countered, “You always were a nice person”, referring to my softer demeanor which I fear he had mistaken for goodness. “The issue,” I responded, “is ‘why’ we do we do what we do. In my early days, I did what I did in the work-world for me and mine and to *make a name for myself*.” In essence, I was voicing the desire which has plagued mankind since they tried to build the Tower of Babel, at the dawn of recorded history.

It brought to mind a conversation with another client while I was still actively practicing law. He was one who helped me better understand, when he said, “**Why?**” *may be the most important question we ask!*”

There are *worldly* reasons and *eternal* reasons *why* we do what we do. I may strive to “make a name for myself”, here on earth, but I will die and my glory will die with me.

So I ask, “Shall I follow ancient Eve, get the ‘apple’ I want, but die eternally? Or shall I follow Jesus, and not seek pleasure, possessions, power and position here on earth—in exchange for *real* life here in this world—and for eternity?”

This seems to be the basic choice each of us must make in life.

*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