

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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Writing has always attracted me. Even as a youngster, I was drawn to adventure stories, and later to histories, novels and all types of literature. Putting thoughts on paper seemed natural.

As a lawyer, I drafted contracts in the office and pleadings for the courts, including more complex briefs when cases were appealed. As I grew older, I wrote more and more personally about my faith and my journey with the Lord. Gradually, these took the form of booklets and small books.

Since the Tower of Babel (and before), mankind has been tempted to “*make a name for ourselves*”. I was no exception. I knew it was a potential problem, but I didn’t know it was apparent to others. And I didn’t realize it would be the backside of my gift and desire to write. That is, not until a good friend startled me one day by announcing, “***I think you just want your name on a book!***”

I decided to refute his claim by writing anonymously. But, after one booklet, I told myself, “This isn’t fair. People are entitled to know who is writing so they can test their words by their life.”

I finally hit on a compromise. My name had to go on the cover of books, but when I was writing small pieces, I put nothing but the titles on the covers, and placed my name inside in the copyright. Later, using the pen name, *From Grandpa With Love*, also helped.

I guess we never get over the temptations Satan throws at us. And we never get perfect solutions. But it does help to have friends love us enough to warn us—so we can *try* and change!

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