

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

#85 “Your work wasn’t very important to you, was it?”

Recently, one of our sons commented, in effect, “***Your work wasn’t very important to you, was it?***” I was startled! I practiced law over 40 years and truly enjoyed it and thought it was worthwhile. But, after thinking a moment, I responded, “*No, as I look back at all of my life it wasn’t that important.*”

Later, I added, “*But, at the time it was very important. Looking back, the third grade is probably not very important to you, now. But when you were in the third grade it was the most important thing in life! That is the way my work was to me.*”

Who we are and what we think and do changes as we go through life. Like going up a mountain, we see further the higher we climb.

At first we are so close to the foothills we can’t see what is ahead, so we live in the *Present*. As we climb higher and have children of our own we begin to get a glimpse of a total *Lifetime*. Later, when we move into our fifties and have grandchildren, we expand our view beyond our own lifetime, and begin to think in terms of *History*. When we finally reach our last years and look out over our own history and the history of the world, many of us are captured by a fresh sense of *Eternity* and the *Kingdom of God*.

What is important at one level gradually pales as we see the work God has for us as we climb higher.

Best of all is realizing my most important work is to use my work, wherever I am on the mountain, to love people and to love God!

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