

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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Several years ago, an elderly Doctor who was writing his memoirs, told me, “***Writing is God’s gift to an old man!***”

But in a broader sense I have determined, “*Writing is God’s gift to all mankind!*” Through writing we can receive from the past and give to the future.

The accumulated wisdom of the ages is available to us today because of the written word. What a gift! Not only does it overwhelm me with gratitude for what I can learn from earlier generations, it also challenges me to pass on all I can to help those who follow.

For me, the greatest and most profound writing is the Bible. Distilled in these pages is the Hope of eternity. It never grows old, and its breadth and depth are inexhaustible.

One of its great strengths has been the themes and common conclusions reached by various writers over thousands of years. For most of my life it has fed me and helped me see further, wider and deeper.

The Bible says we affect those who follow us to the “*third and fourth generation*” (and perhaps much further). What I do and say will, of course, have an effect on those around me. And placing His lessons to me in writing may let them not only be read now, but also travel on to later generations, after I am gone.

I suppose that is one reason I keep on writing.

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