

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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The following words were written in 1991 as part of an ending for the booklet, “*What Am I Missing?*” They seem increasingly important with each passing year, so I wanted to pass them on again.

Many years ago, I read with admiration the letter of a young man in his thirties who was approaching death by cancer. In this letter to his son, he carefully detailed qualities and observations which he encouraged his boy to consider and to emulate. What a wonderful legacy!

Recently, a long-time friend told me that he had learned he has only a few months to live. “*I’m so grateful that I know!*” he said, “I have always worried that I would die unexpectedly.” At first, this seemed an unusual statement, but gradually I have seen the maturity of his wisdom as he was able to put his house in order before he passed away.

Unfortunately, not all of us will have the luxury of knowing *when* we will die. However, we all know in advance we *will* die, so we should act accordingly.

Last Wills and Testaments, Trusts, and Living Wills are obviously important considerations. But in a more narrow and personal way, so are the teachings of each of our lives. I encourage you, therefore, to consider your life and write down what has been important to you that you don’t want later generations to miss.

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