

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

### # 93 ***“Letting go”***

***“Letting go”*** has been one of the most difficult issues in my life. For years I struggled with wanting to be in charge, but God didn’t allow me to fully understand it until Ellie died at age 82. I was 84.

It really began 40 years earlier when I *let go* of my will and gave God control of my life. Next was to *let go* of my wife Ellie and our children. As the years rolled by, I gradually *let go* of my law practice, heaping up money, and making a name for myself. Later, it was the right to be loved, thanked, honored, served, forgiven or comforted. Hardest and most poignant were in later years as I *let go* of Ellie and old friends as they left for Home.

Each decision felt as if I were losing a part of myself. But as the drumbeat rolled on, something unexpected happened: I stopped wanting what I thought would give me success and status in life, and God kept supplying me with all I needed. Instead of being poorer, each ***“Letting go”*** made me richer and more blessed!

I find no role in the Bible for great grandparents. Our first great grandchild came when I was age 79. On my 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday I announced (to non-one’s surprise) I was no longer in charge.

By age 85, Ellie was gone, and I had little responsibility in any of the four earthly institutions of Family, Church, Workplace or Government. I felt at peace and ready to rejoin Ellie.

The principal game of life was completed. Now I was ready for ***“Overtime”***. But to my shock and surprise this would prove to be a *New Adventure* I never, in my wildest dreams, ever imagined!

*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