

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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I realize some folks may think it self-serving to relate events from my own life. Sometimes it becomes touchy because I describe personal events and the emotions they evoked. As one of our children said to me one day, ***“Dad, you never used to tell anything*** (particularly when I was a practicing lawyer with confidential information) ***and now you tell everything!”***

But the older I became, the more I felt God’s hand urging me to pass on what He gave me. It follows Jesus’ statement to His disciples in Acts 1:8-9, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you; and you will be my witnesses...”* This does not appear to be an option, but a fact or a command.

Not all of us can be *expert* witnesses who preach and teach, but I felt strongly I had no option but to be an *ordinary* witness telling others what I myself have seen and heard and experienced in my own life! Since ordinary witnesses are usually not allowed to give *“hearsay”* evidence in court, (i.e. what we *“hear others say”*), I concluded my job was simply to tell about experiences from my own life.

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 tells us, *“Test everything. Hold onto the good. Avoid every kind of evil.”* It caused me to place a note with many of my writings saying, in essence, *“We all err. So test what I say, hold onto what is good (of God) – and discard the rest.”*

So.... enjoy what I say—but test it to see if it is really true!

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