

Teachings on Greatness

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Seeds of Greatness - Lesson 1

Definition: Something or someone that is larger in size, quality, or quantity may be called “great”.

God by nature is great, the clearest view of God's greatness comes from his actions towards creation. The greatness of humans must be visible in the quality of one's life. When man was created and formed in the image of God, God planted the seed of greatness in man. God created man – great. He said in **Genesis 1: 26 -28**let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion..... **Vs. 28** Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it.

Adam was created great, he had dominion by the breathe of God which gave him life. **Genesis 2:19** lets us know that the names Adam gave the animals are what they are called till this day. That is great.

Let's look at Abraham and his children. **Abraham** was great. **Genesis 12:2** – I will make thee a great nation and I will bless thee and make thy name great....then in **Genesis 18:18** Abraham was described as being great.

His son, **Isaac** took on the mantle and became great. **Genesis 26:12-13** - Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. **Vs. 13** And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great.

His grandson **Jacob** was greater than his fore bearers. **Genesis 30:43** - And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

We will now look at **Jesus Christ** our Lord. God's redemptive plan for the world was to send His son to die for it. It would take a great God with a great son to accomplish the great plan of redemption. Jesus had the seed of greatness inside of Him. For without that seed, He could not have accomplished the task given to Him by His Father. **Luke 1:31-32** - And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Vs. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.

In accepting Jesus Christ into your life, you have the DNA of greatness. . You are seated with Him in the heavenly places and you are blessed with every spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Then you must believe that you have the seed of greatness in you. It is time to wake the sleeping giant that is inside of you. To stir up the potential that is untapped, you've got to start today. Change how you see, yourself, think about yourself and what you say to yourself. Stop looking down on yourself. What is important is what is inside of you and what you do with what is inside of you. In spite of your past failures, challenges, deficiencies, inadequacies, constraints, non-successes etc, you were born with the seed of greatness.

Seeds are meant to grow. Right from the beginning of time, God gave the template. **Genesis 1: 11** - And God said, let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed... **Vs. 12** And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. The seed inside the tree gave birth just as the seed inside of you must give birth to your greatness. The only provision is you must do something about it.

What are the conditions that will allow a seed to grow?

The seed in you has to be treated with care and respect, if not it will not germinate. In the natural, a seed requires good soil to grow, it requires water – the right amount of water and light also. A responsible farmer nurtures his seeds to bring forth good growth, he will not allow pests and weeds to choke or to destroy his seeds. May the seed of greatness inside of you not be wasted away in Jesus’ name.

Matthew 13:3-7 tells us where not to plant our seed and **Verse 8** makes it clear where to plant to gain a good harvest. There is the way side; planting where fowls will devour, stony places; where there is no depth and the sun scorches the seeds. We also have seeds that are choked by thorns too. On the other hand whenever you locate good ground, you will get good returns, hundredfold, sixtyfold and thirtyfold.

What are you going to do with the seed that is in you?

What is in your internal environment that could affect your seed from germinating? Have you hardened your heart so much that it is impossible for the seed to break forth? Or is it that you have not even recognised you are carrying a seed. The hardness might result from words that have been spoken into your life. You have been put down and you have accepted that your position in life is low, your self-esteem is dashed and you’ve given up. If you are in that category, I pray that the water in the words you are reading or hearing will wash away all the hardness and your heart will become supple and amenable to the word of God.

Your external environment can also affect the growth of your seed. Are you mixing with people who have nothing but failure to offer? They have no relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, and they are your closest advisers. You may need to do a detailed evaluation. Are the people around you right for your seed of greatness? Are they fair weather friends? Are they lifting you up or pulling you down? Are you feeding your heart with the word of God and are they feeding theirs too? What you mix with your seed determines the harvest you will reap. It may be time to change your environment so that your seed can grow and produce the harvest ordained by God for your life.

Steps to identifying the seed in you - Myles Monroe said every living soul should ask themselves the following questions.

1. Who am I? – Identity
2. Where am I from? – Heritage “What is your source? Is it God?”
3. Why am I here? – Purpose
4. What can I do? – Potential
5. Where am I going? – Destiny, to fulfil an assignment.

What legacy do you want to leave behind? What kind of difference do you want to make in this world? What does your future look like? What dreams did you have as a young child, or maybe still have in your heart?

The world is waiting for you - Romans 8:19-21

It's your responsibility to nurture the seeds of greatness inside of you. When you do your part, God does his part. He grows the seeds of greatness in us until we become all he created us to be and do all he created us to do.