

48. *Little Acorns*



“Large streams from little fountains flow, Tall oaks from little acorns grow” wrote David Everett, (1769 – 1813).

It speaks to us today about the precious students we have in our classes. Each contains potential and a destiny we don't always see. The report cards of famous and infamous people are loud testimony often, to the fact that their teachers failed to see what lay in the character of each. No acorn is identical yet each contain the DNA to, in the right conditions, unfold as a mighty tree which in turn sows the forest and beyond with annual yields of acorns. It is worth faithfully affirming and encouraging our students and persisting with the unthankful task of trying to discipline and shape their characters. The frank and consistent living out of the gospel as well as declaring it can bring forth a harvest that we don't get to see till we are in glory. We are able to help create the right environment for our seeds/ students to develop well. The parable of the sower which The Teacher shared warns of conditions that frustrate the growth of the adult tree. Ultimately, the individual student makes the choice, and sequence of choices that determine their destiny. But we are a significant influence placed in their world to support the best choice.

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. **Matthew 13:23**

On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. **Ezekiel 17:23**