

## **From Seed to Tree – God’s Gift for Growth Potential**

In the Sequoia National Park in California, there stands what is believed to be the largest and oldest living “thing” on the North American Continent. It is a giant Sequoia tree – appropriately named: The General Sherman Tree.

Here are a few facts concerning this magnificent tree:

- Currently, the tree is 272’ 4” (272 feet and 4 inches) tall
- The base circumference of the tree is 101 feet and 7 inches (101’ 7”)
- It would require 17 adult males with arms fully outstretched to encircle it.
- The mean base diameter is 32 feet and 3 inches (32’ 3”) with a maximum of 34 feet (34’)
- This tree is estimated to contain 600,120 board feet of lumber – a sufficient amount to build 35 five-room houses.
- In places the bark of this tree is up to 24 inches (24” or 2 feet) thick.
- The tree is estimated to weigh 1,320 tons (2,640,000 pounds).
- A single seed of a Sequoia tree weighs 1/3,000<sup>th</sup> of an ounce – representing a growth rate from seed to maturity of 125,000 million-fold.

***The same God that created that seed created you and me.***

**Do you believe that God would have given us any less potential for growth?**