

## The Importance of One Human

Every individual human contributes something to the world, whether great or small. If I were given the choice to either make a small difference in the world at large, or a big difference in one person's life, I would choose the latter. I believe that it would be a greater accomplishment to make a significant change in the life of one person than to slightly improve the world.

One human can change the course of the world. When Mary said yes to God, she altered the future for every single person that lived and would live. Even though Mary was one person, she changed the world. Likewise, in the infamous *Roe vs. Wade* debate, it took one human to sue for the "right" to have an abortion, and because of one person, over 1.6 millions humans have died. The events which made a big difference in these separate individuals' lives went on to have huge effects in the world at large. Because one person can influence all of humanity, I feel that making a difference in one person's life would be a great accomplishment.

A big change in one person's life could result in a small change in the world as a whole. One teacher is not going to change the entire school system. But that teacher could influence children, one child at a time, who could then make an impact on other peoples' lives. Before long, that one teacher could influence thousands of people through the children he or she taught.

Many great leaders became great because of the impact they made on one person's life. One example of these people is Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa did not set out to change the entire world. She realized that if she helped one person, then the world would have one less poor person.

A great example of every human's importance is in the movie *It's A Wonderful Life*. If the main character had not lived, then his brother might have died. If the brother had died, then he would not have enlisted in the military and hundreds of soldiers could have died. Because the main character made a big difference in the life of one man, the positive effect of this decision was felt by many.

The importance of every human to the world is just like the shoe nail-to-kingdom analogy:

For want of a nail, the shoe was lost.  
For want of a shoe, the horse was lost.  
For want of a horse, the rider was lost.  
For want of a rider, the battle was lost.  
For want of a battle, the kingdom was lost.  
And all for the want of a horseshoe nail.  
(-Benjamin Franklin)\*

Perhaps for the want of one human, the world will be lost.

I believe that every human has a purpose in life. Whether that purpose is to change the world or one individual's life is up to God and that person. If I were given the choice, I would choose to influence one person's life. Because as we all know, one person can change the world.

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\*Alchin, L.K. "For Want of a Nail (by Benjamin Franklin)." Nursery Rhymes – Lyrics and Origins. Retrieved 29 October 2007. [www.rhymes.org.uk](http://www.rhymes.org.uk).