

Never Quit-Bamboo



One day a farmer planted fern and bamboo seeds in the ground. The farmer took very good care of them. He made sure they had water and sunlight to grow.

The fern quickly grew from the earth with a brilliant color. Nothing came from the bamboo seed. However, the farmer continued to nurture both the fern and bamboo seeds with water and sunlight.

In the second year, the fern continued to grow healthy. Nothing came from the bamboo seed.

In the third year, there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. In the fourth year, again, there was nothing from the bamboo seed, but the farmer continued to nurture the seed.

In the fifth year, a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern, it was seemingly small and insignificant.

But the bamboo grew very quickly to a foot high, then two and three and in just six months the bamboo had risen to over 100 feet tall.

It had spent five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. All the time the bamboo seed appeared to be struggling, it was actually growing roots.

Don't compare yourself to others. The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern. Yet, they both make the forest beautiful.

Be patient as you grow roots. Your time will come to rise high!

Affirmation: I grow as a person every day.

To think about:

1. What will you need to do to develop strong roots?
2. If you keep growing roots and are patient, your time will come. How will you be patient?
3. Growing a little bit everyday adds up. List five ways that you grow daily.

Have a strong will, not a strong won't.