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The ideas shared by Les in his talk resonate greatly with me. [Watch video at

[www.tinyurl.com/lesbrowncbamboo](http://www.tinyurl.com/lesbrowncbamboo)]

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I created this digital flyer as a gift for persons in my network of contacts who reach out to me on my 48<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary and any others who indicate interest in having it. Please share freely.

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# Go Hard [Keep Watering Your Dream] by Les Brown

*[Verbatim Video Text Transcript by Tayo K. Solagbade to celebrate turning 48 on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018]*

"...That it's not gonna happen as quickly as you want it to happen. Lots of things gonna happen that will catch you off guard. And so therefore you have to deal with and handle it as it comes. And not only that...But that faith and patience, drives you into action. You've got to keep moving and keep plugging away. In the Far East, they have something that's called the "Chinese Bamboo tree".

The Chinese Bamboo tree takes five years to grow. And when they go through a process of growing it, they have to water and fertilize the ground where it is, every day. And it doesn't break through the ground, until the fifth year. Okay. But once it breaks through the ground, within 5 weeks, it grows 90 feet tall!

**Now the question is does it grow 90 feet tall in 5 years?** The answer is obvious: It grows 90 feet tall in 5 years! Because at any time, had that person stopped watering and nurturing and fertilizing that dream, that bamboo tree would have died in the ground.

I can see people coming out, talking to a guy out there watering and fertilizing the ground that's not showing anything. "Hey, what ya doing? You've been out here a long time men! And the conversation in the neighborhood is you growing the Chinese Bamboo tree. Is that right?"

"Yeah that's right"

"Well ah, even Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder can see that ain't nothing showing!" You know that's how people gonna do you. "So how long you've been working on this? How long have you been working on your dream - and you have nothing to show...THIS is all you got to show???"

People gonna do that to you. And some people ladies and gentlemen, they stop. Because they don't see instant results. It doesn't happen quickly - they stop.

Oh no, no, no, no. **You gotta keep on watering your dreams. And when it begins to happen...they stop laughing.** They say "Look! Woah, okay, it's, look at...Hey men, I knew you could do it. Look here, you got a job here?" [Laughter + Applause]