

# Seeds Don't Worry - Nature's Way to Success

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"How in the world are you going to make it?" she asked. "My work isn't selling and I'm just going to quit!"

The above comment came from a friend experiencing frustration over her artwork not selling. She also asked me how I could continue to keep on producing and putting my art out there for sale, when nothing is happening, and when I have no other source of income.

After reading her letter, I took a deep breath. My mind told me she was right it makes complete, logical sense from the current financial standpoint. The fire of an emotional response smoldered I don't want to give up what I love and the work I have done! Confusion, frustration and worry decided to pay a visit. Is she right?

My heart stepped up at that point and told me I needed a break - it said to take a walk and perhaps I just might be enlightened by a new idea. So I stepped outside on this beautiful day and stopping at the top of the hill where we planted seeds recently, I looked around.

Nothing is happening there is no sign of life...yet.

At that point, an interesting thought knocked at the door and walked in my mind. I've planted these seeds and nothing is happening. Should I dig them up and throw them away because nothing is happening...yet? The answer is - of course - no. Because it takes time for things to grow after they are planted. That's nature's way.

Unlike the internet, the fast-paced of the world we live in, and the increasing speed of technology where news can get from point A to point B in a matter of seconds, nature still does what it has always done. It takes its time. It is patient. It doesn't rush and doesn't control, and it surrenders things out of its control. The seeds don't worry. They just live. And we are accepting of this when it comes to nature we just have faith that nature knows what its doing with its work, and we let it produce naturally.

I realized at that moment, I have faith something will happen with those seeds I've planted. That's why they stay in the ground. I've done my part. I chose fertile ground to plant the seeds in, and I've planted them. They are getting plenty of sunshine. The weather is warm. They are watered and they are being fertilized. They are being taken care of and nurtured to the best of my ability. And they will respond, do their part, and grow.

Certainly not all of them will blossom - some may never sprout. But I've planted enough to know that something will happen with most of them and there is no question in my mind.

Taking this same experience, and this same train of thought, I can now approach my work, and my friend's comments, with new enthusiasm, a dash of hope, and a bit of cheer.

See, with my business, I have chosen fertile ground. I have planted seeds, and am planting new ones constantly. I make sure my business is seen in every possible way, and I take care to perfect my work and do whatever is necessary to facilitate the growth process.

Certainly not every part of the business will grow - some items may do better than others, some aspects may not survive. I always have the option to prune away what is no longer working, and give more attention to what is working. And I've planted enough seeds to know something will happen with the multitude. There is no longer a question in my mind.

So to my friend, and all others out there who face the discouragement, trials, and worries of starting a business and seeing it grow, my advice is this:

Choose a fertile ground - plant the seeds - make sure your work, creativity, and business as a whole, is seen - take care to perfect things as you go - constantly keep planting, fertilizing, and doing whatever is necessary and in your control to facilitate growth.

Not every part of your business will grow - some parts may do better than others, and some sections may not survive. But by planting enough, pruning, and doing your part, you will see something happen.

There is no question.

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