

Heavenly Composting



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Part 1:

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Composting *Defined*

It is the process of transforming and repurposing unwanted and undesirable organic materials (including feces) into nutrient rich fertilizer with beneficial organisms.

Principle #1

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God can transform the events of your life that you thought were a total waste, forever lost, unspeakable, unforgiveable, and un-healable; they can go from being a toxic wasteland to being a nutrient-rich fertilizer that will produce great tasting spiritual fruit.

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Principle #2

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The Necessary Elements

- **The Word of God (the water)**
- **The presence of the Holy Spirit (the air)**
- **Love, Forgiveness, Mercy, Grace (the micro-organisms)**

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- **A safe space to take all of the garbage (the compost bin)**
- **A spiritual guide to help you see the events from God's point of view (turning over the pile)**

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- **A spiritual family that will love you through the smelly process (greens and browns)**
- **Wash, rinse, repeat**
- **Time**

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Principle #3

Every child of God is unique; therefore, every one of us receives a specialized compost heap that is specifically tailored for our growth into Christlikeness.

Principle #4

The elements of unforgiveness, bitterness, anger, jealousy, hard-heartedness, rage, vengeance, hate, etc. will contaminate and destroy the process of heavenly composting.

Unforgiveness is an unending and vicious reality that creates a monster that is always with us. Similar to a shifting wind, seemingly out of nowhere, the monster of our unforgiveness is suddenly awakened at unexpected times and unexpected places.

Every time he shows up he brings bitterness, anger, jealousy, hard-heartedness, rage, vengeance, and hate with him. Even though our monster was created by our past, he destroys and devours the present. And he longs to do the same to our future.



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Principle #5

God does not promise to bring good to us in every situation.

It would be a mistake to believe that every evil, bad, terrible, and horrible experience we have in this world will lead to something good in this life.

There are many losses that will not be turned into gains on this side of Heaven.

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Principle #6

**Good must be defined from God's
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Our human point of view is usually too narrow, too materialistic, and too self serving. We will not always understand how the evil, bad, horrible, and terrible things we experience will work for good, and we certainly will not always enjoy them.

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Principle #7

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