

# Heavenly Composting



**How God Makes  
the Evil, Bad, Terrible, and Horrible Things  
of Our Lives Work for Good**

# Part 6

**God Pours Out His  
Limitless and Shameless  
Love Freely and  
Recklessly**

# **Luke 15:11**

**To illustrate the point further, Jesus  
told them this story: A man had  
two sons.**

## **Luke 15:12**

**The younger son told his father, “I want my share of your estate now before you die.” So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.**

# **Luke 15:13**

**A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.**

# **Luke 15:14**

**About the time his money ran out,  
a great famine swept over the land,  
and he began to starve.**

# Luke 15:15

He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs.

# **Luke 15:16**

**The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.**

# **Luke 15:17**

**When he finally came to his senses,  
he said to himself, “At home even  
the hired servants have food  
enough to spare, and here I am  
dying of hunger!”**

# **Luke 15:18**

**I will go home to my father and say,  
'Father, I have sinned against both  
heaven and you,**

# Luke 15:19

and I am no longer worthy of being  
called your son. Please take me on  
as a hired servant.””

# **Luke 15:20a**

**So he returned home to his father.  
And while he was still a long way  
off, his father saw him coming.**

# **Luke 15:20b**

**Filled with love and compassion, he  
ran to his son, embraced him, and  
kissed him.**

# **Luke 15:21**

**His son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.”**

## **Luke 15:22**

**But his father said to the servants,  
“Quick! Bring the finest robe in the  
house and put it on him. Get a ring  
for his finger and sandals for his  
feet.**

# **Luke 15:23**

**And kill the calf we have been  
fattening. We must celebrate with  
a feast,**

# **Luke 15:24**

**for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.” So the party began.**

# **Luke 15:25**

**Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house,**

# **Luke 15:26**

**and he asked one of the servants  
what was going on.**

# **Luke 15:27**

**“Your brother is back,” he was told,  
“and your father has killed the  
fattened calf. We are celebrating  
because of his safe return.”**

## **Luke 15:28**

**The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, "All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a**

# **Luke 15:29**

**single thing you told me to. And in  
all that time you never gave me  
even one young goat for a feast  
with my friends.**

# **Luke 15:30**

**Yet when this son of yours comes  
back after squandering your money  
on prostitutes, you celebrate by  
killing the fattened calf!’**

# **Luke 15:31**

**His father said to him, “Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours.**

# **Luke 15:32**

**We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!”**

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# **Multi-Themed Parable**

- **This is a parable about a man with TWO lost sons.**
- **This is a parable about how God and Heaven rejoice over the repentance of even one sinner.**

# **Multi-Themed Parable**

- This is a parable about God's character and posture.
- This is a parable about God's limitless and shameless love.
- This is a parable about God the Prodigal Father.

# Principle #1

**God's supernatural love for all of His children, saved and lost, is limitless and shameless.**

# **The Shameful Father**

**What kind of Father raises children who want their father's possessions more than they want a relationship with their father?**

# **The Shameful Father**

**What kind of Father gives his  
ungrateful and immature children  
what they want, even though  
it is clearly wrong and will end  
in disaster?**

# **The Shameful Father**

**What kind of Father runs to his  
shameful and wayward child  
demonstrating public affection for  
all to see when the child has  
brought such shame on the family?**

# **The Shameful Father**

**What kind of Father immediately  
throws a party for his child who has  
just returned home with their tail  
between their legs?**

# **The Shameful Father**

**How can the Father even know whether or not his child's words are true? What kind of Father offers the fattened calf to a child who clearly does not deserve it?**

# **The Shameful Father**

**What kind of Father publicly begs his child to do as he asks? What kind of Father raises such lost and disrespectful children? If one's not the problem, the other one is!**

# Principle #1

**God's supernatural love for all of His children, saved and lost, is limitless and shameless.**

# Principle #2

**The Lord God is a Prodigal Father.**

# **Prodigal *Defined***

**Spending money or resources freely  
and recklessly; to be wastefully  
extravagant.**

# Principle #2

**The Lord God is a Prodigal Father.**

# Principle #3

**God's pure, holy, passionate,  
perfect, and supernatural love  
is never wasted regardless  
of the results.**

# Principle #4

**God is NOT the type of Father that  
most people assume He is.**

# **Luke 15:1**

**Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach.**

## **Luke 15:2**

**This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!**

# Principle #4

**God is NOT the type of Father that  
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