Compost Into Fertile Soil

It sits right next to our garden. We have a compost tumbler where we place grass clippings and leaves. Occasionally, we add food scraps. Every few days, we rotate the bin. After several weeks or longer, the contents of the compost tumbler turn into rich, fertile soil that is an excellent fertilizer for the garden.

The dictionary tells us that composting is a controlled, aerobic (oxygen-required) process in the garden that converts organic materials into nutrient-rich soil or mulch through natural decomposition. The end product is compost – a dark, crumbly, earthy-smelling material. It is something that only God can do.

Composting is an amazing, natural process. God transforms discarded grass clippings and leaves into nutrient-rich, fertile soil that promotes the growth of other plants.

God can do something similar with us. The sum of our lives is a mixture of successes and failures. God gathers it all together, breathes His spirit into us, and if we let Him, He transforms us into what He wants us to be. He takes even the worst part of us, tilling it with Grace, so what comes forth is a garden of beauty. He redeems us and can transform us into rich, fertile soil that can enhance the lives of others.



"God is gracious, turning the compost of our lives into fertile soil, producing fruit for Him and His kingdom." Let God turn your life into fertile soil to grow the Kingdom.

The Bible Says: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Question: In what way has God changed you, leading the way for you to help others?

Closing Prayer: Dear Lord. Take me, mold me, and shape me. Let my brokenness turn into something useful to help grow your Kingdom. Amen.

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