Does God Need You?

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With all the millions of people in this world, does God really need you? What can you do that someone else cannot do? If you don't do something that God ask you to do, can't someone else do it? I believe that God has a purpose for every one of His children, and only God knows for sure what that purpose is. I also believe that He wants each of us to fulfill the purpose that He has created us for, but if we fail, I believe He will eventually get someone else to do it.

So if God can get someone else to do what He planned for you to do, why should you even try to do it? Well, it boils down to appreciation, trust, respect, love and obedience. Do you appreciate what God has already done for you? Do you trust that God knows what is best for you and can guide you to do what He wants you to do? Do you respect God for who He is? Do you love God? Do you want to obey, not only God's commandments in the Bible, but also His requests of you?

It is like when a parent, who has been very good to their child – providing for their every need, asks them to do something, the parent expects the child to obey. Knowing that their request is in the child's best interest or needed to provide for the needs of others, the parent expects the child to trust them and show them respect by doing what they were asked to do.

Every person in the world is unique. No two people are exactly alike. Even identical twins are not truly identical. They may look identical to you in their appearance, but people who really know them can often tell them apart by subtle differences in their bodily appearance and more readily by how they think, talk and act. Each person consists of a body, mind and soul (or spirit) and God has created each person differently.

Since God has a unique purpose for each person, He has given each person a different set of spiritual gifts – talents and abilities. Often throughout the Bible, we see God using specific people for a task who we would not have even considered. This is because we often go by what they look like physically and by the character that they reveal to us. But God selects people by their true character – those who love, trust, appreciate, respect and try to obey Him.

So, does God need you? Since God is omniscient (all-knowing) and omnipotent (all-powerful) and can perform supernatural miracles at anytime He desires, He does not truly "need" anyone. But since He loves the people He created and wants them to love Him and other people too, He often desires to accomplish His purposes and plan through His people.

So, if you want to help fulfill God's purpose and plan for you, talk often to God through prayer. Pray that God will always need you and ask God to use you as He sees fit. Ask God to make you receptive to His request and to continually guide your efforts. Then do your best to show your appreciation, respect and love for God by trusting Him and obeying Him.