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In order to see your way through the darkness of a room, what do you need? You need light. Similarly, in order to dispel the darkness of this world, God needs His lights to shine brightly for Him and make a difference in this world.

*Philippians 2:15:*

*That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.*

You and I are those lights, and God needs us to shine His light for others. Our lives can affect the world around us as we live for and serve God. We are important to our heavenly Father. From the rich truths of His Word, we can know and understand just how important we are to Him. Each of us is important and necessary, and our lives make a difference.

We all are born into this world having no hope and without God (Ephesians 2:12). But in stark contrast, the very moment we each confess Jesus as lord in our life and believe in our heart that God raised him from the dead (Romans 10:9), we are born again and become a child of God, utterly rescued out of our hopeless state without God.

*Ephesians 1:4:*

*According as he [God] hath chosen us in him [picked us out for Himself as His own] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.*

God handpicked us! And He will never regret or take back His calling (Romans 11:29). We now have access to all God has made available through Jesus Christ—the grace, love, forgiveness, and peace of God; eternal life; the ability to manifest the power of God; access to the household of God; and more! Life is good in the family of God. And to our loving God, each one of us is important.

God needs us all to do our part, and He has placed us in the Body as it has pleased Him (I Corinthians 12:18). He designed the Body of Christ so that we each have a function, a way to serve, that is uniquely ours, and our unique function is important to the whole Body.

*I Corinthians 12:14-17:*

*For the body is not one member, but many.*

*If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?*

*And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?*

*If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?*

Each part of our physical body performs a unique and vital function. Our foot would never say that it doesn't belong to our body, would it? Just as each part of our physical body is necessary to its full functioning, every one of us in the Body of Christ is necessary and important to its full functioning: we need each other to be complete and to have the maximum impact for God. We are better together than we are alone.

*I Corinthians 12:20,21:*

*But now are they many members, yet but one body.*

*And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.*

Sometimes the world may try to get us to believe that we aren't important or necessary. When we look at life from a five-senses perspective, we may even start to think that we are less important than someone else. When we look at life from a spiritual perspective, however, we never need to allow ourselves to think that we aren't important. We don't have to believe the lies of the world. We can believe the truth of God's Word, which is that God needs us and His family needs us—we are important! So what are some practical things we can do to help keep a spiritual perspective on our importance?

We can be constantly aware of God's presence in our lives. Hebrews 13:5 says, "...for he [God] hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." We are never alone. So we get God involved in our life by reading His Word and praying often to Him.

We can keep our head and heart in the Word. When we flood our mind with the positives of the Word, it will generate positive results in our lives.

We can pray often with a thankful heart. God can work great things in our lives as we go to Him in prayer. Remember, there is always something we can be thankful for, even if it is just for God's grace to be alive. And oftentimes, as we set our minds to be thankful, we find many blessings we can be thankful for—and that's doing the will of God.

*1 Thessalonians 5:18:*

*In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

We can also concern ourselves with giving—just give, give, and give some more! The more we give and serve, the more clearly we will see our place in the Body of Christ. And life will be even more rewarding as we grow in our dynamic, powerful walk with God because we are contributing to the needs of God's household.

Matthew 5:13 says, "Ye are the salt of the earth...." One of the unique qualities of salt is its ability to preserve. Our salted stand for and commitment to God and His Word preserve this earth and its inhabitants from total corruption and destruction. Individually and collectively, we make a difference as we decide to believe and act on the Word.

We are important and necessary to God. Never doubt that you are needed and appreciated. Never forget that we need each other. Let's decide to live for our heavenly Father as we joyfully serve where we are needed and make an impact in this life. Your life truly makes a difference!

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