

## SEEKING REWARDS

### 2 Kings 5

Those who do good for the sake of reward, do good not from the Lord,  
but from themselves. (*Heaven and Hell* 152)

In the story about Elisha and Naaman, Naaman offers Elisha a reward for curing him of his leprosy. Naaman was a wealthy and important commander of the Syrian army. He could easily afford to give Elisha a reward. Why do you think Elisha would not accept it?

Elisha and the other prophets took care of their needs without much money. Write about some ways in which they met their essential needs.

Most adults today earn money for working. Adults need a salary to pay for food, clothing, shelter and other important things. Working for pay is not the same as working for rewards if the person is doing his or her work justly, faithfully and sincerely and wants to serve the Lord and the neighbor. Adults also do things for which they are not paid. List things adults do because they want to serve the Lord and the neighbor.

Children sometimes receive rewards for doing good things for others. This helps them become helpful and caring adults. Write things for which you have received a reward or pay.

Young people also have chances to do things for which there is no reward. Write things you have done lately because you wanted to help someone.

List things you might do in the future to help someone without getting a reward.

The Lord tells us that we are rewarded for the good things we do, even if we do not get money or some other physical object. What might these rewards be?