

Rewards

I don't need to be rewarded for doing good things.

God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Feeling Rewarded

"Why did he do that?" asked Antonio, holding the dollar bill in his hand. "I told him he didn't have to pay me."

Antonio was helping hand out popcorn at the church fair. The popcorn was free, but a man had insisted on giving Antonio some money anyway.

"He said I was doing a really good job," Antonio told Mommy.

"I guess he just wanted you to know how much he liked what you were doing," said mommy. "I think he wanted you to have a reward for being such a good boy."

"But I didn't need to be given anything, I would have done it anyway," said Antonio. "It's fun."

Rewards can be money, toys or any number of things...but the best reward is knowing that you're doing what God wants. Antonio was helping his church by handing out popcorn. He didn't need a reward for that. His reward was knowing he was being a good boy for God.

Your Turn

1. What kinds of things do you do to help without being rewarded?
2. What could you do to help at your church as Antonio was?

Prayer

God, please help me to remember that I don't need to be rewarded for being good and helping others. Amen.