

A Team of Horses

In a horse-pulling contest at a county fair, the first-place horse moved a sled weighing 4,500 pounds. The runner-up pulled 4,000 pounds. The owners of the two horses wondered how much the animals could pull if they worked together.

So they hitched them up and loaded the sled. To everyone's surprise, the horses were able to pull 12,000 pounds.

Sometimes, in the work of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, we may try to pull the weight of a job all by ourselves. However, when we team up with others, we work with greater efficiency and we can accomplish so much more.

That was what happened with Moses, as an example, when the Israelites came to him to settle their disputes. At first, he worked alone. His judgments were effective, but his method was inefficient. His father-in-law, who saw that Moses would soon wear down, advised him to handle only the difficult cases and let other wise leaders take the easier ones.

Moses heeded his advice. He increased his efficiency, and much more work was accomplished.

The work we are called to do is complex and has many moving parts. Teamwork divides the effort and multiplies the effect.

--Beecher Hunter