

# God's Kingdom

(Week 3)

## “Pulling Your Weight”

### 1. Pulling your weight begins with enthusiasm for your new boss.

*Matthew 5:3 (NLT)* “God blesses those who realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is given to them.

*Habakkuk 3:18 (NIV)* ...I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16 (NLT)* always be joyful.

### 2. Pulling your weight means fully expecting Satan's defeat.

*1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV)* Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

*1 John 3:7-8 (NLT)* Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it is because they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. **(8)** But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the Devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the Devil.

*1 John 3:9 (NLT)* Those who have been born into God's family do not sin, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they have been born of God.

*Matthew 12:30 (NLT)* Anyone who isn't helping me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me.

### 3. Pulling your weight means living the choice.

*Matthew 12:33 (NLT)* “A tree is identified by its fruit. Make a tree good, and its fruit will be good. Make a tree bad, and its fruit will be bad.

*2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (NLT)* What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun! **(18)** All this newness of life is from God, who brought us back to himself through what Christ did. And God has given us the task of reconciling people to him. **(19)** For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. **(20)** We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you. “Be reconciled to God!” **(21)** For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.