

Charlie, the Show Horse

Famed Evangelist Sam Jones frequently referred to his father's horse named "Old Charlie." When the animal was hitched to a plow, he would balk and become a problem. But when he was hitched to a red-wheeled buggy with a fancy harness, he held his head high, and was full of excitement and vigor.

In front of that buggy, it was never necessary to coax him or use the whip. It was as if the horse was eager to be seen in fancy trappings – especially when he had a light load to pull.

Jones observed: "Human nature is like that, too. Some people simply won't work for the Lord in a humble capacity. They must have a prominent office with a high-sounding title before they'll do their best."

That attitude is often seen in the business world, and sometimes in the health-care profession.

How contrary this is to the pursuit of our mission of service to our residents – as well as to the spirit of Christ. Any opportunity to serve our residents – and our Lord – should never be considered too small or too insignificant to command our best efforts.

No matter how menial the task, if it is in the line of duty, we should do it gladly without complaining or self-seeking.

--Beecher Hunter