

## *Restoring a Hot Rod*

The old car had been a project of Jamie's for quite some time.

When he first got it, it was not much more than a rusted heap of metal. Slowly, he began piecing the whole thing back together. He straightened the frame and massaged the dings out of the fenders and door panels. The engine went from boat anchor to power plant.

Jamie's attention to detail as he worked was something to behold. He had pictures of what the car looked like moments after it rolled off the showroom floor all those years ago, and that was his goal for this project. Just any old part wouldn't do. It had to be the right part, and it had to be original if at all possible.

This, after all, was a labor of love.

Think about the things that Jamie went through to make sure his car came out as perfect as it could be. It took a lot of time, work, and money to complete the project. When he finally finished, the hot rod looked absolutely gorgeous.

Although he would never consider selling the car, Jamie's payoff came in a sense of accomplishment for a job well done.



In the work we are called to do in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, we aren't restoring rusty old cars. We're involved in a far greater pursuit – the care and well-being of men and women who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of their communities and investing their efforts in rearing children and grandchildren.

And even more than in the case of Jamie, they deserve our very best. When we walk away from the workplace at the end of the day, we should have a spring in our steps “in a sense of accomplishment for a job well done” – no effort less than our best, no short-cuts just to finish in a hurry, and a pride in service rendered that glows in our hearts and on our faces.

*Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might (Ecclesiastes 9:10 NIV).*

– Beecher Hunter