



Wax On Wax Off

Study Verse:

1 Peter 5:10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

Psalm 23:3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

My Thoughts: I see an old rusty, oxidized, scratched, dented, totally wrecked shell of a truck dropped in a field, abandoned, placed onto that forgotten “I’m gonna” to do list. A truck that once had beautiful shine, swag of style, and new car smell, now replaced and put to pasture until someone notices the beauty and worth still there.

I appreciate people that can look at a junk yard of mistreated, disfigured and damaged piles of junk; choose to take the treasure home, begin to replace damaged parts piece by piece, patch here and there, paint and wax that junk restoring the beauty as it was created. People watch as this restored beauty hums by, they drive for miles to a car show to admire the talent of the restorer. HUMMMM.... I think that will preach, don't you?

I have been a piece of junk, scratched, dented, damaged, dismissed, wrecked and mentally destroyed by people. I have fought for my place in the work place, I have given encouragement and respect in hopes to earn it in return, then stepped over while another gained the reward of my hard labor. I have fought for another and have them walk away. I have built my wall of frustration, anger, resentment, I have shot my cannon of revenge and spite. Yet, I stood alone in the junk yard, dismissed and forgotten. BUT THEN CAME JESUS!

He saw me, He understood how I got to this place, He knew what I needed, He knew what I could be. Piece by piece, patch here and there, this broken part replaced with a new part, this piece of junk **is becoming** as I was designed and created. Restoration is a process, sometimes it takes years, but when the Master finishes His last touch of wax on wax off, layer after layer, buffing a diamond like sparkle, a bearer of protection is formed. All types of weather, accidents, or evil can never penetrate. God's glory shines with brilliance and the interior has that new clean smell of His Holy Spirit. Then when He settles into the driver's seat and turns that ignition, oh my goodness.. that engine purrrrs like a kitten yet has the power of a lion. There is always maintenance required but that makes this beauty run better and longer.

Restoration is the best process a person can experience. You receive experience, strength and understanding. So do not dismiss where you came from and how you got there, forgive then focus on where God is driving you toward. You are not meant for the junk yard, there is a world waiting to see how strong you can run again. There is nothing too big for GOD!

Until next time, May God bless, heal, protect and grow in you daily, Everyone say, AMEN.

