

## 12 Step Mechanic

Step 1: I had an "old clunker" parked in the driveway. I had just about given up on it, but decided to make a whole-hearted attempt to restore it.

Step 2: I couldn't fix it, but I came to believe someone could.

Step 3: I turned the car over to the Mechanic.

Step 4: I took an inventory of all that was wrong with the "old clunker."

Step 5: I shared the inventory with the Mechanic and someone else who was already being helped by the Mechanic.

Step 6: I helped take off the old parts.

Step 7: I let the Mechanic handle the rest.

Step 8: We made a list of all the parts that were defective, and became willing to replace them all.

Step 9: I admitted I hadn't checked the oil and fluids properly, or fixed the other things that were going wrong. It was my responsibility to take care of the car, and I had not. I wanted to help, but being unfamiliar with the process, I allowed the Mechanic to fix the things I couldn't and asked him to help me fix the things I could. The car turned out beautifully!

Step 10: I checked the oil, fluids, tires, etc. more regularly, and when I didn't the engine didn't hummmmm.

Step 11: I called on the Mechanic to help maintain the car, and asking Him to fix it whenever there was trouble.

Step 12: That Mechanic and I had become such close friends, we decided to take a trip across the country and stopped to help all that needed it along the way.