

Lou Cypher's Fishing Tips

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Theme: The anatomy of temptation

Text: James 1:13-18

Cast: LOU CYPHER (Lou should wear the garb of an experienced fisherman.)

Props: Fishing pole, tackle box

Setting: A fishing pond

LOU CYPHER: Hi, I'm Lou, Lou Cypher—master fisherman. Welcome to *Fishing Tips*.

I love fishing. I love sittin' out here in the quiet of the lake, figuring out how to best hook my catch. In my many years of experience, I've found that the key to a successful catch is found in three areas: the choice of the fishing hole, the choice of the bait, and a patient heart, because, believe you me, they'll bite if you wait long enough.

Now, I chose this particular hole today 'cuz of the variety of species that swim this pond. Down there right now, I'll bet we'd find everything from your domestic housewife to your big mouth businessman, and my experience has shown me that they are all hungry for what I have to offer.

I brought three different kinds of bait today. The trick, of course, is choosing which one to use. I've had a lot of success with wealth lately. I'll tell ya, you put wealth on the end of a hook, and those little guys wouldn't let go to save their lives. Pornography's always a favorite. In fact, there are some down there who have fought long, hard battles just to protect their right to get hooked by pornography. Boy, they're stupid. How about gluttony? Yeah, gluttony's a subtle one. I'll rig up a pint of Häagen Dazs or a plate of chocolate chip cookies, one of 'em will surely take a bite and keep biting and biting and biting. Yeah, let's try gluttony.

(Mimes hooking up gluttony; casts the line)

Nothing to do now but wait. While we're waiting, let's talk a bit about the psychology of the little wiggler. A long time ago, our Enemy created the pond and all who

inhabit it, and because he created them, a lot of 'em think He's the one throwin' down the bait. (*To the pond*) Wrong! The Enemy is not a sportsman. He doesn't love the hunt like I do. He doesn't derive satisfaction from watchin' 'em dangle at the end of a line like I do. He doesn't love the smell of 'em grilling in the frying pan like I do. He won't even eat 'em. Yet, they blame Him for my hook. Fools.

(Feels a tug)

Looks like I have a bite. You'll notice this one's not fighting; they rarely do.
Hey, tune in next week and I'll show ya how to gut 'em, clean 'em and flambé 'em. So long.



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