

## Two Kinds of Fishing

**Psalm 46:4 “There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.”**

There are two kinds of fishing, serious and recreational. Recreational fishing is romantic, like the movie *A River Runs Through It*. It's fishing with the purpose to engage, solidify, and manifest the love-tie between friends, fathers, and sons. To simply soak up the marrow of life in an experience called...fishing. The river represents grace, and the importance of being in the river far outweighs what is caught. The catch is simply a bonus.

Serious fishing is when a seven year old son looks up at dad with puppy dog eyes, and says, “Daddy, I want to catch a fish. They won't bite.” That's when a father contemplates packing dynamite, and making sure there's no conservation officer in a fifty mile radius. Serious fishing can be good or bad.

Satan is a mean serious fisherman that is a Father of lies. He wants to put a hook in your soul. He'll use real bait to get you to bite a real hook, so that you swallow his lies.

So how do we not get caught?

You probably won't believe me, but the key is recreational fishing with Father God. Purely romantic, but when your heart finds sanctuary in God, Satan cannot hook your flesh.

Every time I go fly fishing, the Holy Spirit shows me that a rushing river is a picture of the spiritual life. God's grace is always flowing. My only responsibility is to make sure I'm in that river; receiving by faith the gifts that God gave to me at the death, burial, and resurrection of his son Jesus. When I try to make a river for myself by my own works or worship of willpower, I am prey for the Devil's hooks. But when I let God's river flow into my life by faith, life happens.