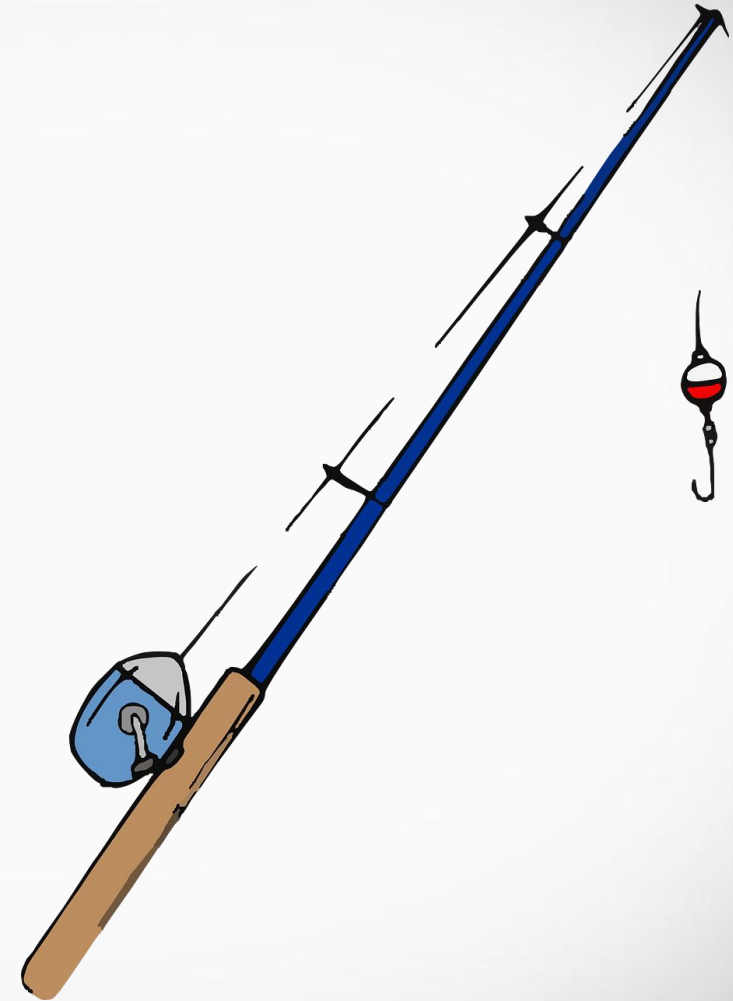


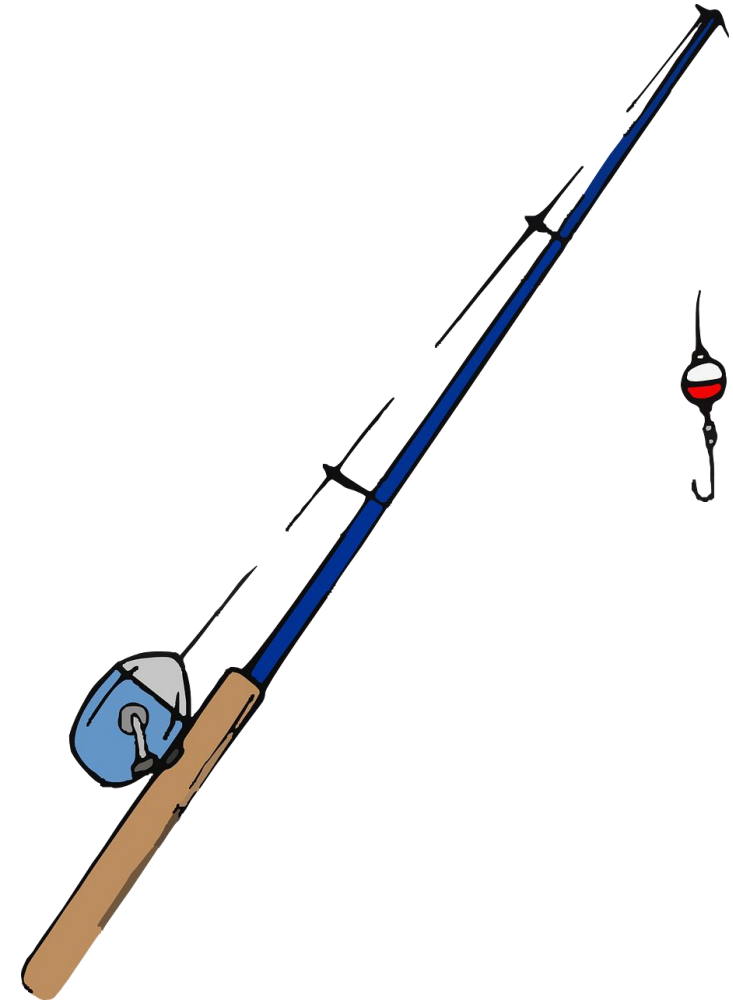
Worship is not like fishing

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What words
would you
associate with
fishing?

Boring, Smelly...



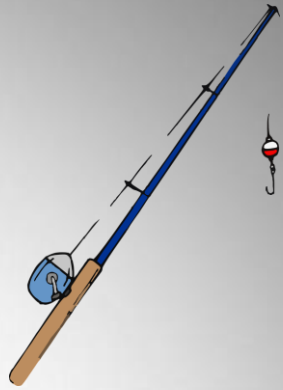
Health Benefits of Fishing

Fishing requires lots of focus and awareness.

This takes your mind off internal conflict and stress, similar to meditation.

As a result, it helps to reduce anxiety, fight off depression, and promote relaxation.

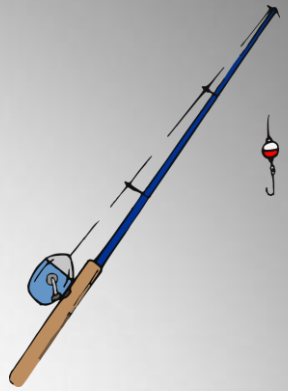
Studies have shown that fishing lowers your cortisol levels (otherwise known as the stress hormone)





What is fishing

The hope; that the time, place, equipment and bait will give you the best chance of catching fish you're not sure is there, before someone else catches it.



Keywords

hope

chance

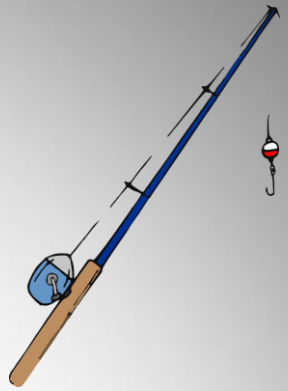
catch

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Fishing is a lottery

There is nothing certain when you cast your line. You know that there is fish in the water; but you don't know if you will get any.



Worship is certain

Revelation 3:20

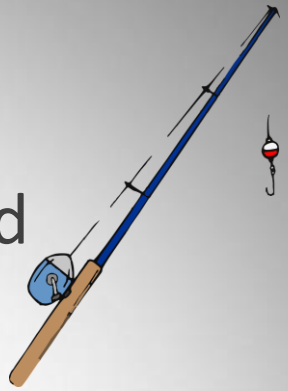
Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me

Psalms 145:18

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Fishing requires natural understanding

The better you understand the sea, the effect of tides, the places and your bait preparation the better your chances is to catch a fish.



Worship require spiritual understanding

John 4:24

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.

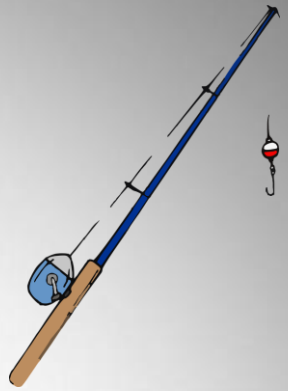
Heb 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who approaches Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Fishing reduces the glory of fish

Successful fishing reduces the fish and lead to its death.

The momentary glory for the fish is found in its comparable strength to yours or in its features compared to other fish



Worship increases the glory of God

2 Corinthians 3:18

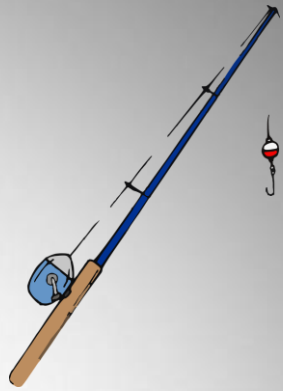
And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit

Rev 4:11a

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory & honor & power

Fishing depends on the fallibility of fish

You are putting all your skill at work to fool the fish



Worship depends on the infallibility of God

Matthew 19:26 - **omnipotence**

And looking at them Jesus said to them, With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Jeremiah 23:24 - **omnipresence**

Can a man hide himself in hiding places so I do not see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?

Psalms 147:5 - **omniscient**

Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

Let's Worship



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See you
next week!

