

Good Fish, Bad Fish

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous." – Matthew 13:47-50

One fond memory is of fishing a charter in the Gulf with family and friends. The captain pulled up behind a shrimper that was culling the evenings catch. As the crew sorted the good catch from the trash fish the lesser is tossed over the side. This natural chum draws in nice sportfish and is an easy marker for a captain to put his guests on some quick action.

On this clear morning as we watched the culling going into the waves, one of the big brass reels began to click. My dad was nearest and picked up the rod. An hour and twenty minutes later we lugged onboard a 114 inch tarpon. One man's trash can truly lead to another man's treasure.

How hard is it for us to see beyond the "trash" in a man's life? Can we use that image to show him what great potential he is throwing over the side.