

The Fish Philosophy

A few years ago, Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle committed themselves to becoming "world famous". They accomplished this - not by spending any money on advertising (they never spent a dime), but by being truly great with people. They interact with people with a strong desire to make a difference for them. They want to give each person the experience of having been served and appreciated, whether they buy fish or not. They truly love them.

At the World Famous Pike Place Fish Market, they stand for the possibility of World Peace and Prosperity for all people. They believe that it's possible for a person to impact the way other people experience life. Through their work, they can improve the quality of life for others. they are committed to this belief. It's what they do.

Choose Your Attitude:

When you look for the worst you will find it everywhere. When you learn you have the power to choose your response to what life brings, you can look for the best and find opportunities you never imagined possible. If you find yourself with an attitude that is not what you want it ot be, you can choose a new one.

The fish guys are aware that they choose their attitude each day. One of the fish guys said "when you are doing what you are doing, who are you being? Are you being impatient and bored, or are you being world famous? You are going to act differently if you are being world famous."

Who do you want to be while we do our work each week at St. Mikes YM?

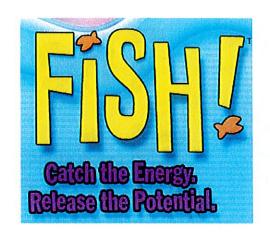
Play

Work made fun gets done, especially when we choose to do serious tasks in a lightened, spontaneous way. Play is not just an activity; it's a state of mind that brings new energy to the tasks at hand and sparks creative solutions.

The fish guys have fun while they work, and fun is energizing.

How could we have more fun and create more energy here at St. Mikes YM?





Make Their Day

When you "make someone's day" (or moment) through a small kindness or unforgettable engagement, you can even turn routine into special memories.

The fish guys include the customers in their good time. They engage their customers in ways which create energy and goodwill.

Who are our customers and how can we engage them in a way that will make their day? How can we make each other's day not only at St. Mikes YM but each and everyday?

Be There

The glue in humanity is in being fully present for one another. Being there also is a great way to practice wholeheartedness and fight burnout, for it is those halfhearted tasks you perform while juggling other things that wear you out.

The fish guys are fully present at work.

What can they teach us about being present for each other and not only our YM members, but teens in general?