

**LUNKER HUNTER SPOONPLUGGERS MEETING THURSDAY,  
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**“QUESTIONS TO ASK OURSELVES”**

**“DREAMS GET YOU STARTED, DISCIPLINE KEEPS YOU GOING”—Jim Rohn**

**Winter** is a **good time to review** and think about how we could improve our fishing for the coming year. **Charlie Myers** presented a program on “Mental Attitude” in which he **listed 5 questions for us to ask ourselves.**

**1). Do I attribute all my fishing successes and failures to anything but depth and speed?** Did I get **sidetracked, fall into a rut,** have a favorite depth and speed, or **put my faith in “magic lures”?**

**2). Do I have a teachable attitude?** Am I **willing to accept others’ comments** or do I “shoot the messenger”? He recommends we swallow our pride and **ask others** we respect **to comment on our procedures.**

**3). Am I willing to experience short term failure in order to achieve long term success?** Am I willing to **try new waters or techniques?** Charlie described how he never liked to fish rivers in the past until he recently fished on the Grand River for steelhead. There were many frustrating trips before he caught his first steelhead but now he is successful there and thoroughly enjoys this kind of fishing. He feels the **knowledge gained fishing rivers has made him a better fisherman on all waters.**

**4).** When **new members** join the club, **am I willing to take them out** on the water and show them what I have learned? Buck Perry emphasized that **you really begin learning when you teach others.**

**5). Am I willing to put forth the effort necessary to become a better fisherman?** Practice and experience on the water **helps build confidence.** A good dose of **persistence is necessary** to become an above average fisherman (or anything else). Many thanks to Charlie for a program that really made us think!

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