You FF'ers need to ask the Lord for discernment, to be able to discern between the good fish and the bad. It doesn't have anything to do with their looks or their manner or anything else. You may even be disgusted with their looks, but they may be just the one the Lord's working on--some "beast" on whom He wants you to have pity!

Well... at least she smiled at me!... But that's the way all women are... Sigh!... I guess real love just doesn't exist!!

Just because they're ugly and homely doesn't necessarily make them evil. Some are just kind of hard characters. It's because they've never seen a sample of real love, so they've become calloused and cynical and bitter. They figure real love just doesn't exist.

They might expect you to smile at them once or twice, but figure, "Oh, that's the way all women are--Here today and gone tomorrow!"

---Illustrated by Bart of Oh, and Eman Artist.
But you know, it's amazing, the power of a smile!—The feeling of love, the power of the Holy Spirit in a smile! There was an old man in Tenerife named "Happy", but he had the grumpiest look you ever saw! He walked along with his hands folded behind his back just staring at the ground like he didn't even want to look at people in the eye or anything.

Well, after two years of Maria smiling at him, he finally began to smile back! The next thing, believe it or not, he began to come to the clubs, and he finally even asked Maria to dance! He really changed, his whole countenance and everything!

So, two years of just smiling finally paid off—PIL! As we said, any kind of fishing requires a lot of patience, a lot of waiting, a lot of seeming wasting of time. But that's what it takes—patience!

So once you've got a big fish on the line, be patient!

Don't try to pull him in immediately, or he may snap the line, and you'll never see him again.

You may need the help of several gaffers to get a big fish into the boat. Once you've got your fish up alongside the boat, the gaffers can reach down over the side and really ram him in the heart with that gaff of the Word until he is really hooked, and then help you pull him into the boat. Some big fish need a good clear explanation when you're trying to explain the Gospel and Salvation and accepting Christ and all these specifics, so this is the job of our "gaff men", those that really speak his language.

Now I understand what Gloria was trying to say!
We are going to reap what we have sown— that is God's Law! We are sowing love right and left, regardless of whether we ever see the fruit or not, and we are going to reap love! We give them what...

...they need, and the Lord will take care of us and probably use them sometime to help us. We'll reap it somehow. But don't ever go at it with that in mind, because of what you're going to get out of it! Just go at it like...

For God so loved the...

...you do in normal witnessing or witnessing: Get out the Word regardless of the results, whether you ever catch any fish or not! You can still know you're obeying the Lord by just fishing!