SPIRITUAL READING DURING QUARANTINE SUMMER

Parenting Towards the Kingdom

This book teaches us that 'connection' with others is most important in our relationships and explains in 6 clear principles how we can achieve that while making the other person feel heard and understood. These are practical ideas that can be immediately applied.

 Always parent with the end in mind.
Respond, don't react.
Understand struggles in terms of the values and the virtues of the Kingdom of God.

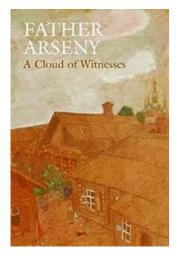
- PARENTING toward the ICINGDOM OKTHODOX CHARTAN Principles of Child Rearing
- 4) Separate feelings from behaviors.
- 5) Teach the joy of obedience.
- 6) Teach the joy of repentance.

Click on these links to read some <u>Gleanings</u>, and summaries of <u>Principle 1</u>, <u>Principle 2</u>, <u>Principle 3</u>, <u>Principle 4</u>, <u>Principle 5</u>, <u>Principle 6</u>.

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Father Arseny: A Cloud of Witnesses



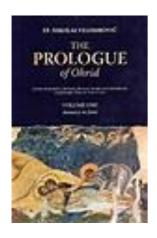
"...I perceive nothing positive in such house confinement, with churches remaining closed, empty of the laity. I muse loudly so that my wife may hear me: "How can it be God's will for us to stay away from churches, especially under such circumstances, which make us need the church more than ever before?" It didn't take her long to offer me her own answer: "Just think of the righteous ones in similar circumstances, or under even worse confinement, and how they suffered much worse than we do!" Of course, she was right...."

This recent quote from Former Associate Professor Anastasios (Tasos) M. Ioannides about our current predicament demonstrates how we can learn from saints, and spiritual fathers and elders of the church by reading about how they endured confinement.

This book offers the example of Father Arseny, a Russian Orthodox priest, who was incarcerated in Soviet prison camps, cut off from church and the world, and shows how he was still able to keep God's grace through his devotion to the spiritual life in all circumstances.

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