

“But others fell
on good ground
and yielded a
crop”

Matthew 13:8





Sowing the
right identity
in our
children's
minds

1. How they see themselves ⁽¹⁾

1. They are the subject of God's love, care, and acceptance.
2. How we address them and what names we give to them (Trying to change the identity of Daniel by changing his name)



1. How they see themselves ⁽²⁾

3. How do they present themselves to the world (outfit, how they look like, ...etc)



2. What do they see and hear around them ⁽¹⁾

- Jochebed and forming Moses' identity in three years.
- The language of respect at home
- What is allowed for entertaining or to be hanged on the home's walls



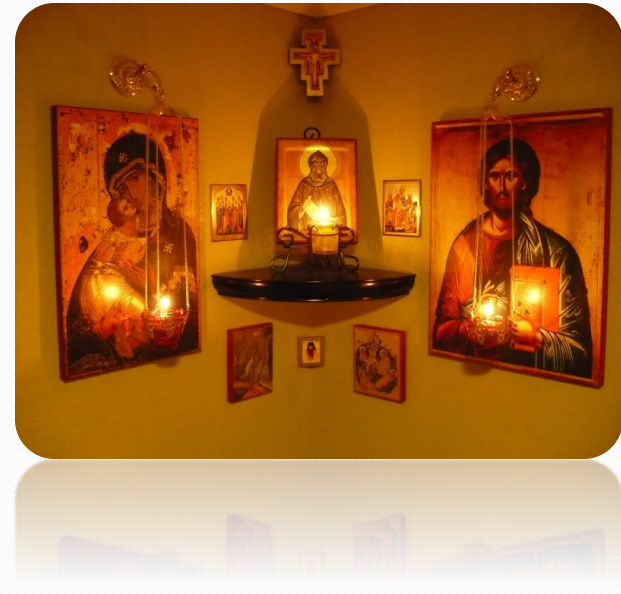
2. What do they see and hear around them (2)

- The importance of being familiar with the church music and hymns



3. The personal experience ⁽¹⁾

1. How we worship and participate in different church seasons.
2. How we pray at home (facing the east – the Agpeya – The Icons – The Candles – the Family Altar)



3. The personal experience ⁽²⁾

- “And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” *Joshua 24:15*



3. The personal experience ⁽³⁾

- 3. The sense of belonging to the Church.
- 4. The Orthodox spirituality learned through discipleship and practice.



4. Not fearing to be different ⁽¹⁾

- Daniel and the three saintly youth and their different choice to eat according to their religion.
- “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind”

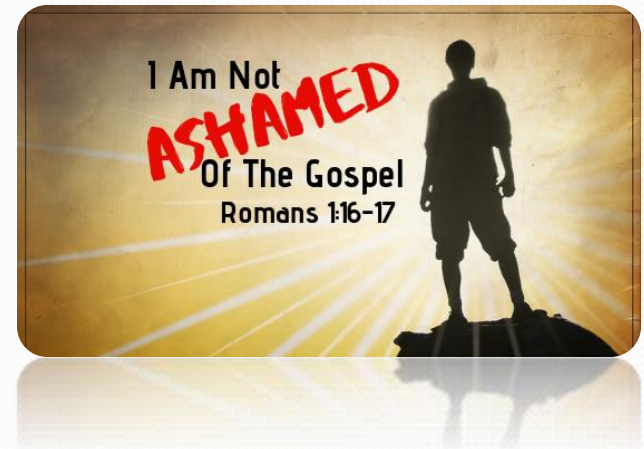
Romans 12:2



4. Not fearing to be different (2)

- “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes”

Romans 1:16



5. The Consistent choice ⁽¹⁾

- “You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed, lest the yield of the seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard be defiled.”

Deuteronomy 22:9



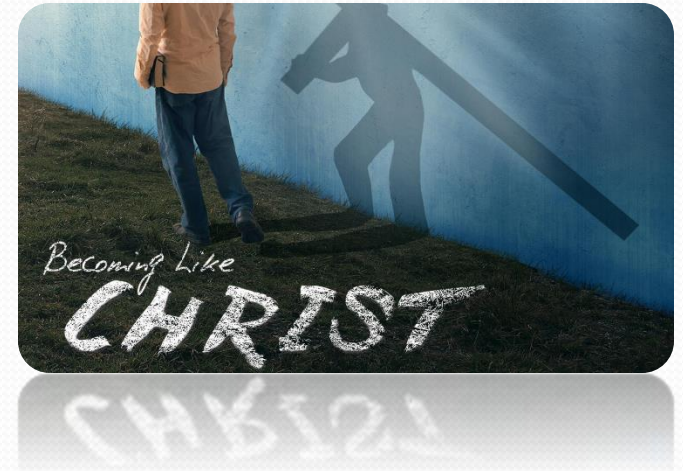
5. The Consistent choice ⁽²⁾

- How we act inside and outside the church.
- Being Orthodox Christians in how we worship and how we conduct ourselves while rejoicing.



6. The One goal ⁽¹⁾

- To be Christ Like
- To know Him and the power of His resurrection
- To be His witnesses and His ambassadors
- To live up to our calling as saints



6. The One goal ⁽²⁾

- To glorify Him through our deeds and words
- To have a share and inheritance with all the saints

