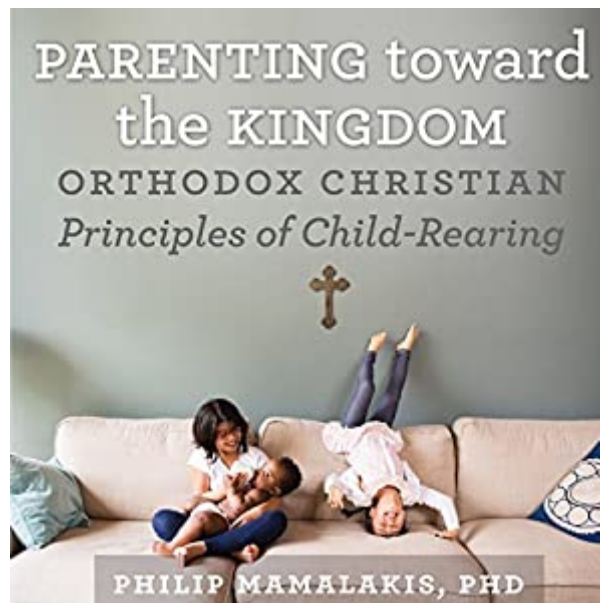




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Parenting Toward The Kingdom: Orthodox Christian Principles Of Child-Rearing



Synopsis

The Orthodox Christian tradition is filled with wisdom and guidance about the biblical path of salvation. Yet this guidance remains largely inaccessible to parents and often disconnected from the parenting challenges we face in our homes. Parenting Toward the Kingdom will help you make the connections between the spiritual life as we understand it in the Orthodox Church and the ongoing challenges of raising children. It takes the best child development research and connects it with the timeless truths of our Christian faith to offer you real strategies for navigating the challenges of daily life.

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Customer Reviews

I especially appreciated the examples of responding to our children instead of reacting to them and seeing them firstly as icons of Christ. Parenting is a challenge and shows me every day how much I fall short! Thank you for the tools!

Practical, loving, effective, and theologically-sound synthesis of the truth that has always been there for Orthodox Christians. This has changed my perspective on parenting and allowed me to take the vision of who I want to be as a parent and see it in the context of our salvation as Christians. I am thankful for the reminder to delight in my children (and my whole family) and my opportunity to serve them. Dr. Mamalakis does this without unproductive judgement or criticism but WITH and empathic challenge to do better. The truth of the spiritual life is that we all must strive harder and this book

has helped me see the path on days where I tend to go into the tunnel of part-inherited/part-spiritual TERRIBLE parenting. The basic formula of connecting/empathizing with your children, setting firm boundaries, and REALLY journeying with them through life, trying always to be an icon of Christ's love...it is right, and it works. Gives married people a lot of perspective on their relationship with each other as well. I have already recommended this book to friends, even several non-Orthodox (and non-Christian) that I think could glean much good from it. It is neither "preachy" nor self-righteous, but compassionate and frank. Thank you for this very human approach to this very great and divine work we have set before us! May the Lord bless you for it and may God help us!

Like the *Shepherding a Child's Heart*, this book focuses us as parents on the long term goals of parenting. And the author is immersed in the greats of the Orthodox teachers on childrearing: Mother Magdalena of Essex, St. Paisius of Mt. Athos, St. Theophan the Recluse. Mamalakis is a both-and teacher - we need to connect emotionally with our children, coming alongside them, so they can learn to struggle. And this includes setting and maintaining clear boundaries for behavior. I was at a low point in parenting, perhaps looking at my feet in the mud in a valley; Mamalakis brought my gaze back up to the mountain top, and helped me take the first steps along its path. We have sold out at our parish - I will give these as baby shower gifts for years to come! (not Andrew, but his wife)

Excellent, well-written, thoughtful, and timely. an approach to "gentle parenting" with a spiritual center

Truly amazing book that is clear and easy-to-understand. I would recommend to any parent, whether you've been at it for years or a brand new one. Also highly beneficial for grandparents, teachers, childcare providers. I have read many "Christian Parenting" books in the past, and this was such a breath of fresh air. I cannot agree more the approach, and being that this is written by an author that is speaking both from experience and research, (subscribing to the Orthodox ["right belief/sound doctrine"] Christian Faith), you can't get a better method for helping raise children The insights are priceless. Thank you!

Changed the way I look at parenting ... among other things!

Excellent book on how to parent your children for the real reason we are here (to understand God

and our relationship to him.) You don't have to be an "Orthodox" Christian to read this book or appreciate it.

Love this book. Must read for any parent who wants their kids to be Christians.

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