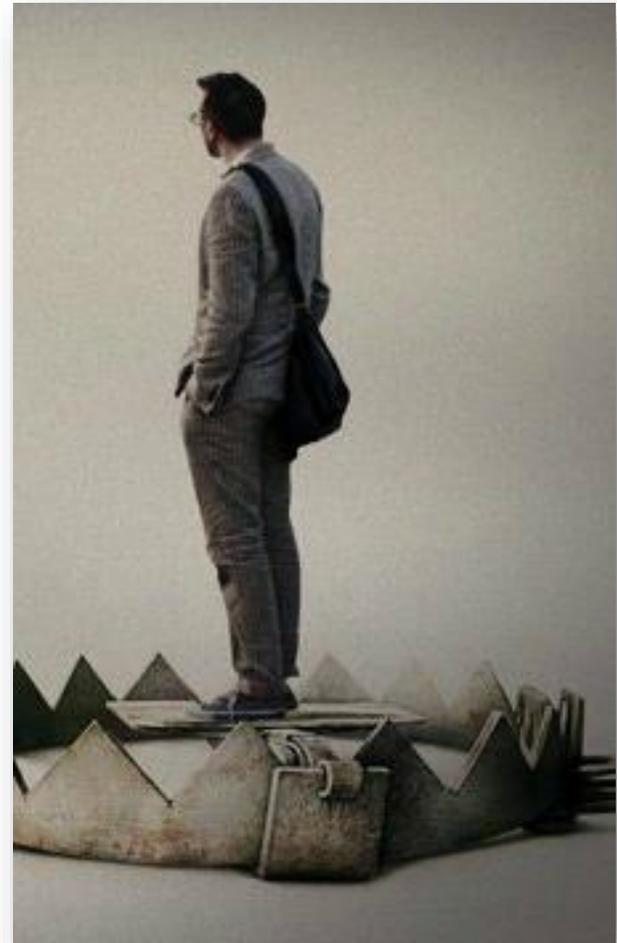
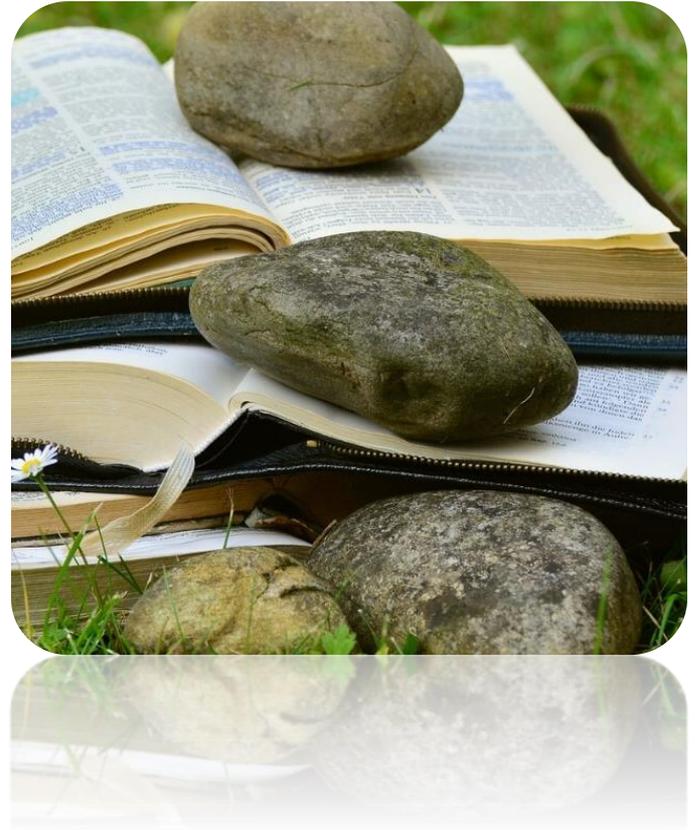


**“Woe to the
world
because of
offenses”**

Matthew 18:7

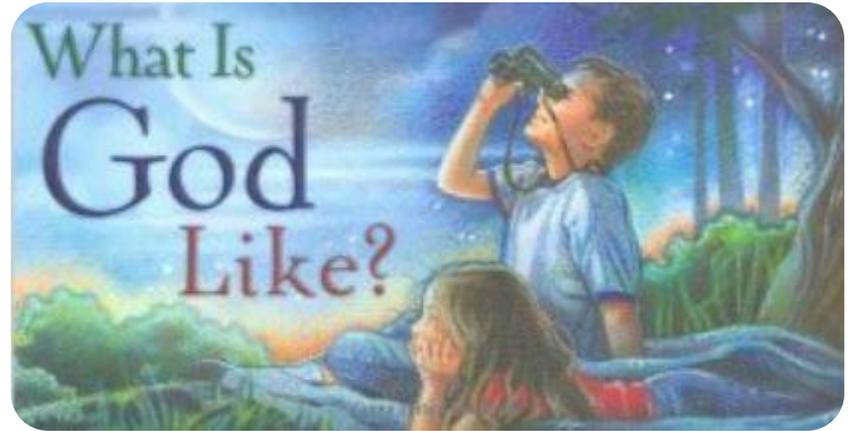


Offending our children in the Faith: Causes and Remedies



I. Common Causes and Forms (1)

1. Distorted images about God, the church, or the clergy
2. Teaching by words with no action or repentance:
“For we all stumble in many things” *James 3:2*



I. Common Causes and Forms (2)

3. Teaching the commands and tradition of men rather than God's:

“And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.” *Matthew 15:9*



I. Common Causes and Forms (3)

4. Neglecting the saving doctrines of God:
 - Belittling the dogma
 - Embracing erroneous beliefs



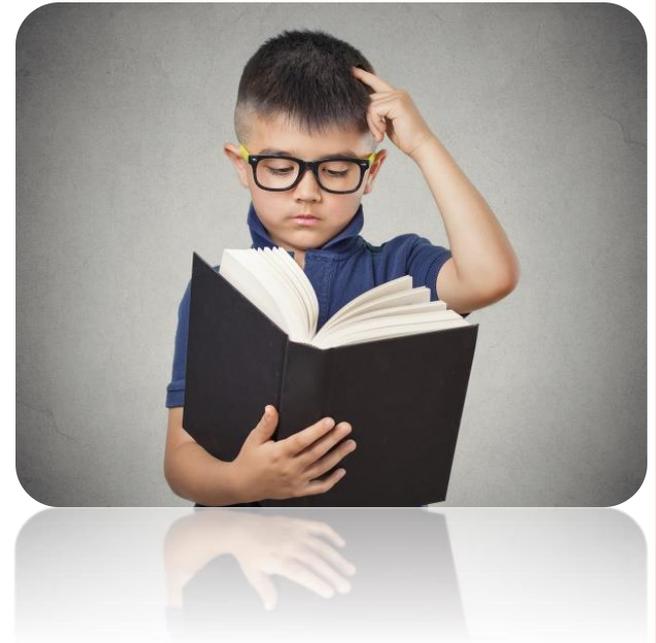
I. Common Causes and Forms (4)

5. Confusing the children by exposing them to different beliefs
6. Contradicting the church's teachings by words and actions



II. The Remedies (1)

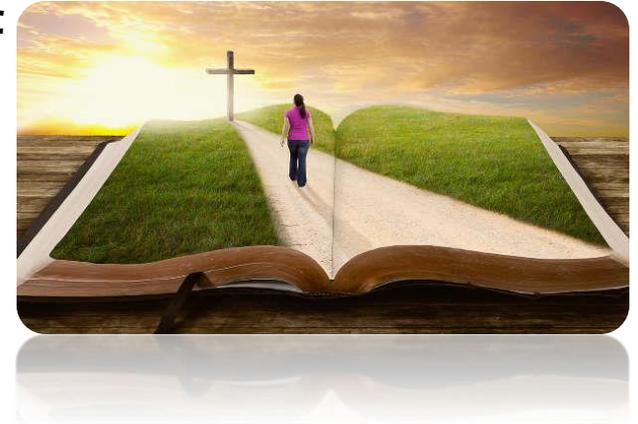
1. Seeking to learn at all time from the right source of knowledge:
“Now all the people gathered together as one...and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses” *Nehemiah 8:1*



II. The Remedies (2)

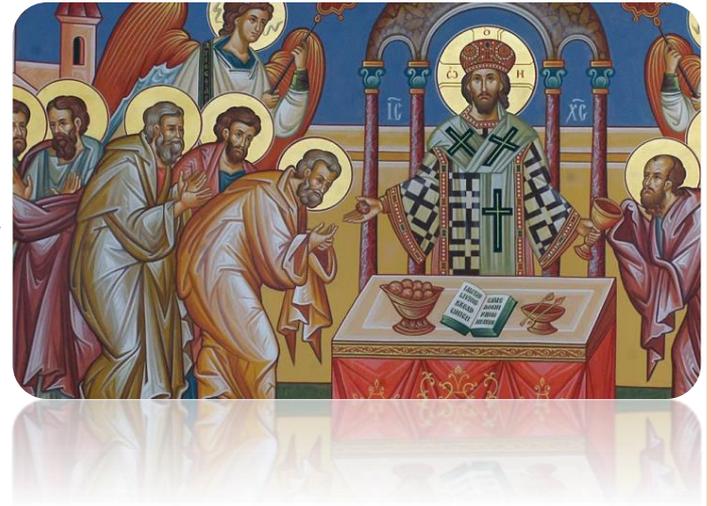
2. Following the commandment of God even with the absence of the good example:

“The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, *that* observe and do, but do not do according to their works” *Matthew 23:2-3*



II. The Remedies (3)

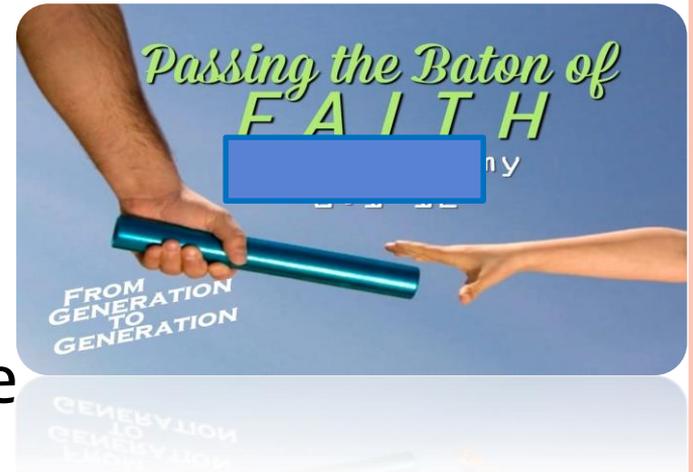
3. Defining the trusted sources of information: The One Holy Apostolic Church and The Holy Bible
4. Understanding human weakness



II. The Remedies (4)

5. Searching diligently for the right and true faith:
 - “... contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints”

Jude 1:3



II. The Remedies (5)

6. The personal diligence in learning:

“You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me”

John 5:39

