



## Teaching the Great Books with Josh Gibbs

### Lesson 10: Helping Students Overcome Acedia or Ennui

#### Outline:

Can acedia be defeated or even fought?

- Classicism avoids originality for its own sake.
- Theosis is the reconciliation of God's will and Man's will.
- Imitate Christ and the saints!
- Mastery comes through imitation!
- Teachers should acknowledge their own moral struggle.
- Teachers should be students.
- Cruciform lectern: deny and mortify yourself, especially when in a position of power, by humbly confessing your sins and failures and guiding others to do the same.
- Let yourself be morally convicted by a book!
- "You don't need to be a better teacher. You need to be a better human being."

