Q in Father Sergius

versatile | last 2 stories

Serve vs. hiding → balance the two

DI - serve others

KS - Chastity (hide from others)
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FS — how to live? Key things to make life good):

Goals
humility
innocence
selflessness
spirituality (connection w/ God)
"Not-forcing things"
loving / sacrifice

{ Pashenka

pursuing perfection is hard → lovingly withdrawn

unsolvable moral dilemmas if you deal w/ people → they aren't perfect

Divorce scene: 2 people completely understand each other / flip from previous values, now the worst upon meeting someone, become fascinated with them, power of other over the self, lose clarity of thought in a scene, love that person, first steps towards love / Why bad?) takes you away from you, God, clarity, + virtue

Still serve others, even if they're bad for us

sees Pashenka (cousin), has daughter & son-in-law p539

p545: I lived for men →

p542 - daughter is terrible / husband drinks, spends her money, bad → P says he was good man

Pashenka achieving through sacrifice whole life for others and NOTHING in return, doesn't appreciate herself

try to create situation similar to Pashenka, doing it yourself is fake, need to luck into it

just feel it, not through ego or agency, an instinct, fallen looking @ innocence (P) instinct

almost unachievable by everyone, not a logical unless you already are

best you can do is be as close as possible to be like her

1) leave it to us   2) if god wants Kent to hide, P knows how → pure virtue, strive for it, fade story away   leave him alone