

The Anatomy of a Church—The Muscles and Flesh

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I. Introduction.

- A. There is an immense seriousness, which one must deal with the church.
- B. Text: 1 Corinthians 4:1.
- C. First do your own spiritual inventory.
- D. Then do an inventory of the church.
- E. Review.
 - 1. Preaching and teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2)
 - 2. Evangelism and mission. (Philippians 3:3)
 - 3. True worship.
 - 4. Prayer. (Ephesians 6:10-18)

II. Discipling. (Mathew 28:19-20)

- A. Discipling is bringing people to Christ and leading them to Christ.
- B. We are all in this process. (Acts 1:1)
- C. Discipleship begins with evangelism.
- D. The attitude that must take place with this process is an environment of love.
- E. It is marked by warning. (Acts 20)
- F. Our model is Christ. (1 John 2:6)
- G. Spiritual maturity is when spiritual reactions are involuntary.

III. Shepherding.

- A. This is feeding and leading. (Acts 20:28)
- B. We are all involved in caring for the sheep.

IV. Building up families. There is a conspiracy against the family.

V. Training. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

VI. Giving. (2 Corinthians 9)

VII. Fellowship. This means to be together and share life together.

Application Questions:

1. What should discipleship look like?

2. How can you maximize your involvement in discipleship?

3. In what ways can you contribute to a healthier fellowship in your church? Explain.
