

The Anatomy of a Church, Part 2: Internal Systems

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I. Introduction.

A. The church must have certain attitudes that flow through it.

II. Obedience.

A. If God says something, we must do it without compromise.

B. This is the over-arching attitude.

C. It is a narrow way because it is confined by the will of God. (Matthew 7)

D. We need the power of applying the truth. (1 Peter 1, Luke 11:28, Romans 16:19)

III. Humility.

A. Humility is putting others before yourself. (Matthew 10; 16; Philippians 2)

B. Many problems come when people seek their own primacy.

IV. Love.

A. To the world love is an emotion.

B. Real love acts out of a heart of humility. (1 Corinthians 13; 1 John 3:16; 2:9-11)

V. Unity.

A. Jesus prayed for the unity of believers. (John 17, Ephesians 4:3)

B. The enemy is always trying to divide the church. (Philippians 1)

Application Questions:

1. What areas of your life are most prone to compromise? How can you approach those areas differently? Explain.

2. How can one go about growing in humility?

3. What is the key to unity according to Philippians 2?
