

Toward a Healthier Church (Dr. David Jackson) September 17, 2020 Webinar Resource Sheet

Defining Terms

- ◆ Health: “well-being,” operating as God intended
- ◆ Systems: operating elements (components and processes) of corporate life that enable the church to function as God intended
- ◆ The Church: God’s chosen instrument for His “called out ones;” He is its Head and they make up His Body
- ◆ Mission/Purpose of the Church: to fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission (must be clear and compelling for the church to grow as intended)

Functioning Like a Body

Introduction

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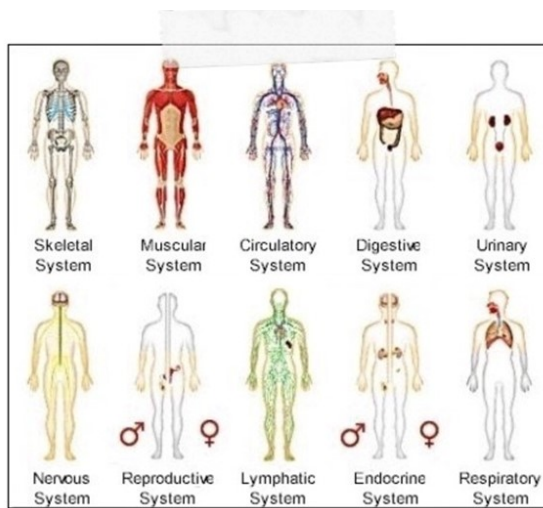
What happens if one of these systems begins failing?

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. *1 Corinthians 12:12, NIV*

In the same way...

A healthy church requires healthy systems.

- What are those systems?
- What do healthy churches have figured out?

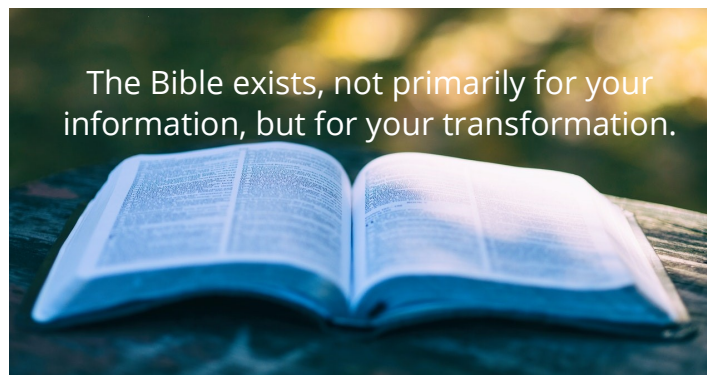
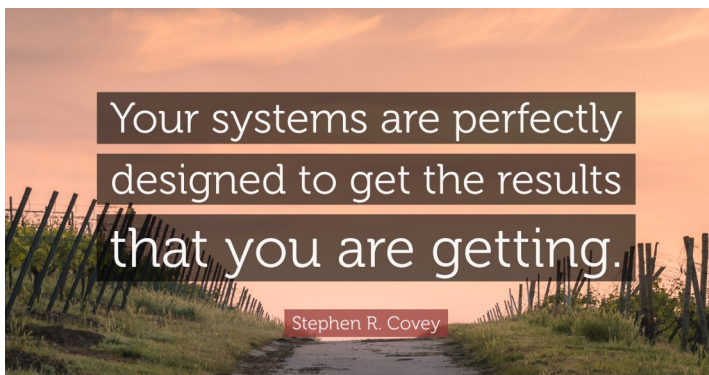


Now you probably know more of those systems than you realize.

A body is...

Unique, but the Same ✦ In Varying Degrees of Health at All Times, so It Needs to be Monitored

Chew on these...



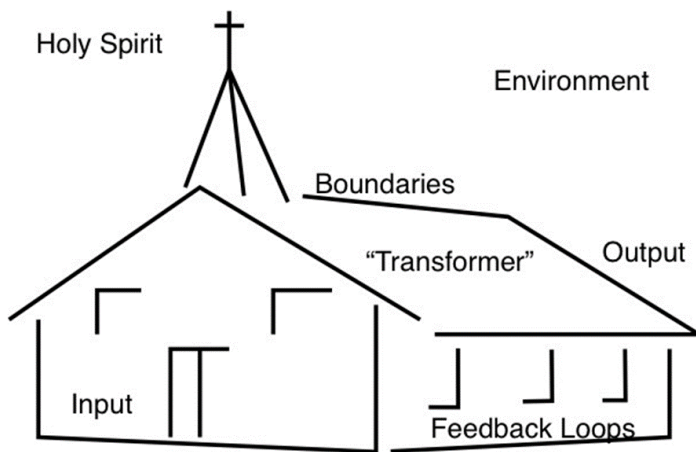
Where is Your Church? How is it doing?



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A Church body also has systems



What systems are and should be functioning?

- ◆ **Holy Spirit**
spiritual formation, love for Christ
- ◆ **Environment**
community engagement, service
- ◆ **Boundaries**
legal, administrative, budget
- ◆ **Input**
evangelism, outreach
- ◆ **"Transformer"**
disciplemaking, worship, care/fellowship
- ◆ **Output**
missions, reproduction, "called out ones"
- ◆ **Feedback**
communication, giving, participation, i.e., "metrics")

So What?

1. Begin with the End in Mind (what are we trying to accomplish? How will we define success?)
2. Analyze your Church's Systems (objective? pathway?)
3. Establish an Evaluation Process (who? when? how?)
4. Share with Leadership Regularly (collaboration is crucial)
5. Tweak, as Needed and Necessary (note unintended consequences!)

For Continued Study

- ◆ 100 Days to a Healthier Church: A Step-by-Step Guide for Pastors and Leadership Teams, by Karl Vaters
- ◆ Total Fitness for Your Church, by Steve Pike
- ◆ Building the Body, by Gary McIntosh and Phil Stevenson
- ◆ The Emotionally Healthy Church, Updated and Expanded Edition, by Peter Scazzero

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