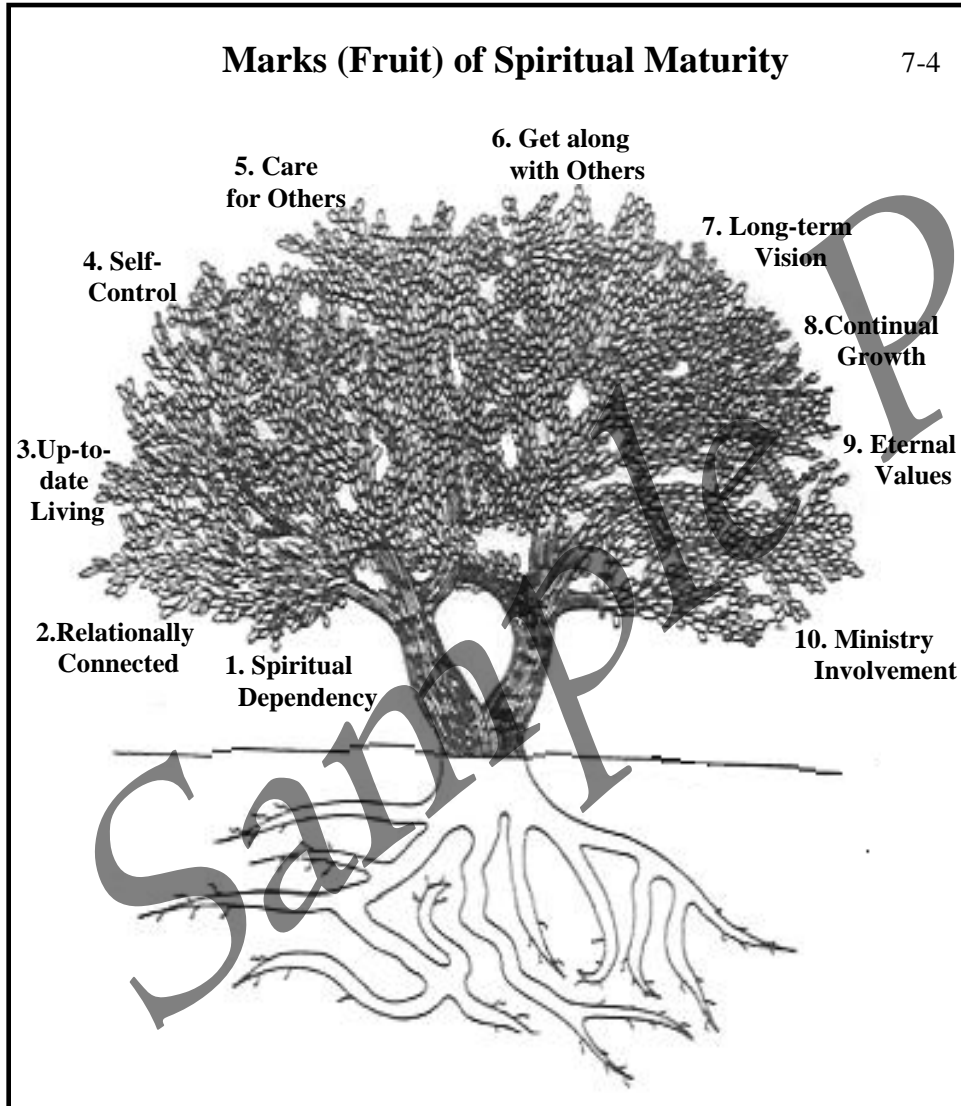


D. Ten Marks (Fruits) of Spiritual Maturity.

(Suggested teaching time: 15 minutes) [See Appendix 7C]



← Show transparency 7-4.

Use this diagram to describe each of the ten fruits that mark our journey to spiritual maturity.

If time permits, see Appendix 7C for five decisions that are essential in moving on to spiritual maturity and experiencing the freedom that maturity brings.

← **1. Spiritual dependency.**

We know we are maturing in the Lord when we are aware of our dependency upon Him in everything. We realize that anything we accomplish of eternal value will only be possible when connected to Jesus, our Vine that feeds us and makes us fruitful. (Jn 15:5)

2. Relationally connected.

Spiritually mature people have learned to value relationships. They have accepted their humanity, including their need to be connected with others. They have committed themselves to be an active part of the body of Christ. (Heb 10:25)

← One of the marks of spiritual maturity is an intimate, personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This understanding deters us from trying to fill up on other things, substances and relationships.