

## Spiritual Maturity

### Fullness of Christ (Eph 4:11-14)

- Teamwork (apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, teachers)
- Equipped for work of ministry (gifts and calling)
- Unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God (paradigm)
- Stable identity and character

### Pitfalls and Barriers (Heb 5:12-14)

- Self-Conscious rather than Self-Aware
- Concerned about the impression made on others rather than effect on them
- Guided by the soul rather than the Spirit
- Codependency rather than Interdependency
- Law, Shame, Needs, or Fear as bases for relating rather than Love

### Path to Maturity

#### Like a bride

Single

Wedding

Married

Parenting

Family

Legacy

#### Bride of Christ

Unsaved

Salvation

Redemption

Community

Stewardship

Gifts and Calling

### Progression

- Die to self (Eph 4:22-24, Rom 6:11-14)
- Identify with Christ (Gal 2:20) – a new creation
- Walk by the Spirit (Gal 5:16, 25) – learn to listen
- Part of the body (1 Cor 12:12-14, Phil 2:4-5) – how to fit in
- The work of the ministry (Eph 4:12) – steward your gifting
- Christ-likeness (Phil 3:8-11) – joined with Him

### Perfection

The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me. (Jn 17:22-23)

Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. ... And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." (Rev 19:7, 9)