

“Studies have demonstrated a clear inverse correlation between _____ and generalized _____: the more _____ you are, the less _____; and the less _____ you are, the more _____.”

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So how do we move forward?

1 Peter 4:7-11

Seeds of Loneliness

(Situations readers were experiencing)

1. Various trials (1:6)
2. Internal _____ (1:14)
3. Family disconnections (1:18)
4. Interpersonal _____ (2:1)
5. Political _____ (2:13)
6. Marital _____ (3:1-7)
7. Social _____
 - for gospel (3:13-17) -
 - for lifestyle (4:1-6) -

“The end of all things is at hand.” (4:7)

end =

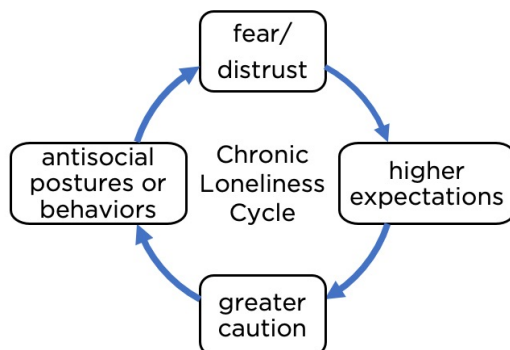
How God enables us to fight loneliness with our head, heart, and hands:

1. _____ (7)
“Therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.”

self-controlled =

sober-minded =

What is the connection between sane thoughts and suitable prayers?



2. _____ (8-9)
“Above all, keep loving one another, since love covers a multitude of sins.”

loneliness = the gap between social expectation and social experience

Love exposes and expels lies (8-9)

Love

“above all” -

“keep loving” -

“earnestly” -

“covers a multitude of sins” -

“show hospitality” -

“without grumbling” -

Lies

“I have other priorities”

“I have done my part”

“I will wait and see”

“I don’t think they deserve...”

“I show love selectively”

“I can’t believe they...”

3. _____ (10-11)

“As each has received a gift, use to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies...”

“...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belongs glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Are we willing to offer up our head, heart, and hands to God?