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			l Peter 4:7-II
"Studies have demonstrated a clear inverse correlation between			and generalized
: the more	you are, the less	; and the less _	
you are, the more"			
			Lars Svendsen

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:

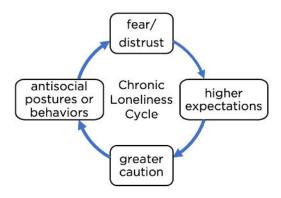
1. \_\_\_\_\_(7)

"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)

loneliness = the gap between social expectation and social experience

<sup>&</sup>quot;Above all, keep loving one another, since love covers a multitude of sins."

## Love exposes and expels lies (8-9)

<u>Love</u>	<u>Lies</u>
"above all" -	"I have other priorities"
"keep loving" -	"I have done my part"
"earnestly" -	"I will wait and see"
"covers a multitude of sins" -	"I don't think they deserve
"chow hospitality"	"I show love selectively"

"covers a multitude of sins" - "I don't think they deserve..."
"show hospitality" - "I show love selectively"
"without grumbling" - "I can't believe they..."

3. \_\_\_\_\_(10-11)

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

<sup>&</sup>quot;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...

<sup>&</sup>quot;...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belongs glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."