1st Peter 4:7-11

Success Factors

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- Pray
- Love
- Be Hospitable
- Exercise Your Spiritual Gifts



Pray

7: The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray.

Pray with clarity and focus for each other to remain faithful in the battle

Love



8: Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Love each other like 1st Corinthians 13 - Above all



Be Hospitable

9: Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling

Love and hospitality are at the heart of living in community



10-11: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.



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For the benefit of us - Cornerstone



"Spiritual gifts are various supernatural capabilities ...[given by] grace ... to Christians by the Holy Spirit to be used to build up others and point them to Jesus." Chase Thompson

There are various listings in different places in the New Testament and this list is not exhaustive: Prophecy, teaching, exhorting, service, leading, giving, mercy, tongues/interpretation of tongues, evangelism, administration, shepherds, apostles.

1st Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4



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I believe God has graciously given us everything we need to be successful - Holy Spirit and each other!

We need to be faithful to exercise our spiritual gifts in Cornerstone covering each other in prayer, rooted in love, and with hospitable hearts.

BENEDICTION

2nd Peter 1: 2-4

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.