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Title : Seven Priorities for Prosperity
Text : I Peter 4:7-11

INTRO

Doing well tomorrow ... begins with priorities we set for today!

Biblical definition of prosper from **PSA 1:1-3**: Successful, thriving, flourish.
Note: Chinese characters read “*soon lei*” means smooth, successful, everything is well.

The apostle Peter’s exhortation – in the light of life’s brevity & uncertainty clues us in on how to prosper in the midst of challenges and adversities.

Text: I Peter 4:7-11 - Consider these seven priorities ... you can prosper!

I. **BE PRAYERFUL (v7)**

Your prayers must count or matter! Remember prayers cannot be answered until they are prayed. **Mark 11:24** – “Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

II. **BE LOVING (v8)**

Have and grow in God’s kind of love. **John 3:16 & I Corinthians 13:4-7** – How else can we forgive! How else can we love? Selective loving is very normal but God’s kind of loving is amazing!

III. **BE HOSPITABLE (v9,10)**

Be people-oriented NOT possession-oriented! **Matthew 16:26** – what is of more value! We are His light, salt and witness. Let people taste God’s grace and mercy through your life.

IV. **BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS (V10)**

When you are faithful stewards of your treasure, your time and talent will follow. You manage well all that God has given to you. Remember **Deuteronomy 8:18** God is the One who gives you power to get wealth ... for His purpose!

V. **BE WORD CENTERED (v11)**

Speak ‘life’. Death & Life – are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat its fruit (**Proverbs 18:21**). Meditate on His Word day and night (**Joshua 1:8**).

VI. **BE GOD or HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERED (v11)**

You shall receive power ... (**Acts 1:8**). All of us are alike, what you fill in is what will come out. **Matthew 12:34** ...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Notice the principle. What fuel do you use? Holy Spirit, flesh /self, or evil spirit!

VII. **BE GOD GLORY MINDED (V11)**

Not for self but God always! Not to show off oneself, but to allow God to show Himself off through me. Not how great I am but how great is He!

CONC: If you choose these seven priorities you will prosper as you will certainly experience the privilege and blessing of **II Peter 1:2-4!**