

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH - 2015

**INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL
GOSPEL CHURCH – EDMONTON
LOVE TEMPLE**



PRAYER FOCUS - WEEK TWO

Grace to Apply Word Preached on Perfection

July 6th – 12th, 2015

A Message from the Shepherd

Isaiah 40:28-31 Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. ²⁹He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. ³¹But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Every year, the International Central Gospel Church as a corporate body, observes July as its ‘**Spiritual Emphasis Month**’. During this period, members of the church all over the world FAST, PRAY and SEEK the FACE OF GOD concerning His will and purpose for their lives.

Spiritual Emphasis Month is a time of *Renewal, Transformation and Empowerment* for GREATER WORKS. Jesus said: *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do the same shall he also do, and GREATER WORKS than these shall he do, because I am going to be with the Father.” (John 14:12)*

I trust that your waiting on the Lord is coming along well. Our focus for week two is captured by the theme **“Grace to Apply Word Preached on Perfection”**. Over the past six months, we have heard various messages from the pulpit on perfection. As we wait on the Lord in prayer and fasting this week, I want you to yield to God and ask Him to give you strength to continue to apply those messages in your life. Also, pray for a heart that is obedient and surrendered to His will. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to know what God wants you to do during the second half of 2015.

I encourage you to attend all the following meetings and your life will never be the same:

- Monday to Thursday - prayer meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. via phone conference.
- Friday – church service from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
- Saturday – morning devotions from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. via phone conference.
- Sunday - church service from 10:00 to 12 noon in the auditorium.

During the fasting period, I entreat you to give yourself enough rest if possible. Meditate on God’s word and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Stir yourself up and pray. Talk less and pray more. (Luke 18:1, 1 Thess. 5:17).

- Read the Bible and good books on Prayer, Spiritual Warfare, Intercession, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, etc.
- Listen to or watch video tapes on Prayer, Spiritual Warfare, Intercession, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, etc.
- Abstain from strong stimulants such as coffee, etc. You may drink plenty of water during the day. Break with light food or beverages or fruits (exercise self-control - Galatians 5:23).
- Pregnant women, nursing mothers and those on medication are excused from the fasting; however, they are encouraged to be part of all the services.

Pastor Emmanuel Anum Laate

Day 5 - Monday, July 6th, 2015

In January, we heard a series titled “A Charge to Keep in 2015”. We heard that this charge is to strive to become perfect just as our Father in heaven is perfect. We heard that “perfection” relates to: who we are before God, what we offer to Him and how we do the work He has given to us. We heard that we have a charge to keep perfection at the heart of our ministry.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Ask God for grace to continue to apply this “Word” in your life. Ask Him to give you a heart that is obedient and surrendered to His will.
2. Pray that the Lord will be your first point of call at all times. Whether you are making decisions, seeking guidance or making an investment, your first consideration must always be to seek God's will and purpose for your life.
3. Pray that you will not get tired in your pursuit to grow, improve and become better in every area of your life - spiritually, socially, relationally, financially etc.
4. Pray that as an individual, you will not fail God. Ask God to empower you in order not to take for granted the mission that you are on.
5. Thank the Lord that your commitment to perfection is enabling you to grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ.
6. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to know what God wants you to do during the second half of 2015.
7. As directed by the by the Sprit of God.

Day 6 - Tuesday, July 7th, 2015

February was our “Marriage and Family Enrichment Month”. We heard that our marriages are like a garden, so we have to dress and keep it. We heard that due to the fallen nature of man, conflicts in relationships are a fact of life, even for believers in Christ; however, we have what it takes in Christ to make our marriages prefect. We heard that a flourishing horizontal relationship between a husband and wife is contingent on their vertical relationship with God. If you do not obey God and His word, you cannot sustain your marriage and family relationship.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Ask God for grace to continue to apply this “Word” in your life. Ask Him to give you a heart that is obedient and surrendered to His will.
2. Pull down and destroy every stronghold, ancestral yokes and generational curses and pray that your marriage will survive all odds. **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**
3. Pray for the grace to discern undesirable influences and to protect yourself from them. Bind every voice that tries to influence, suggest or compel spouses to go solo in their marriages, e.g. make their own plans, open secret bank accounts, monitor your spouses phone calls, etc.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to reject any attitude and behaviour that will undermine the growth and peace of your family and home (hypocrisy, bitterness, lack of commitment, pettiness, etc.).
5. Pray that as a church family, we shall withstand whatever "the gates of Hades" throws against us.
6. Ask the Holy Spirit to stir the heart of every member to participate fully in all church activities - **Acts 2:42-47 ; Hebrews 10:25**
7. Pray for a heart that is obedient and surrendered to God’s will. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to know what God wants you to do during the second half of 2015.
8. Intercede for couples facing challenges; ask God to give them the miracles they need. Pray for all pregnant women and couples who need children.
9. As directed by the by the Sprit of God.

Day 7 - Wednesday, July 8th, 2015

In March, we focused ourselves to press forward to know Jesus more. We heard that it was important to perfect our knowledge of who God truly is. We heard that striving to know the Lord better in this year of perfection will separate you as an individual. It will cause you to be on a cutting edge and accomplish great things for God. We prayed that God will activate an intense hunger and thirst in us to desire to know Him better. ***Daniel 11:32*** says that *the people who know their God shall prove themselves strong and shall stand firm and do exploits.*

Philippians 3:10 *[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope.*

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Ask God for grace to continue to apply this “Word” in your life. Ask Him to give you a heart that is obedient and surrendered to His will.
2. Ask the Lord to order your steps in righteousness and victory; pray that He will keep your feet from any evil trap set for you. Ask Him to deliver you from repetition of past mistakes.
3. Pray that God will activate an intense hunger and thirst in us to desire to know Him better from today.
4. Ask God to crown your head with the wisdom of Christ; pray for depths of spiritual understanding. That the Lord will make you wiser beyond your age, education or experience.
5. Pray for a heart that is obedient and surrendered to God’s will.
6. Ask the Lord to help you to know the difference between His voice and other voices that speak to you; ask God to make His will clear to you.
7. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to know what God wants you to do during the second half of 2015. Ask God to help you to respect, understand, believe and apply what His word says daily.
8. As directed by the Spirit of God.

Day 8 - Thursday, July 9th, 2015

In April, we focused ourselves on how we can become better Christian Stewards. The preaching was anchored on four (4) key fundamental principles of Christian Stewardship. These principles are:

1. OWNERSHIP
2. RESPONSIBILITY
3. ACCOUNTABILITY
4. THE PRINCIPLE OF REWARD.

We heard that stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the administration of everything God has placed under our control including our wealth. We heard that it is important to commit to key defined goals in every aspect of our lives and live in anticipation of the return of Jesus, the one who has given us the charge to “occupy till He comes”.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Ask God for grace to continue to apply this “Word” in your life. Ask Him to give you a heart that is obedient and surrendered to His will.
2. Submit your thoughts to the Lord; ask Him to free your mind from any memory that holds you captive to the defeats of your past.
3. Ask God to make His plans clearer regarding every resource you have. Whatever God has given to you including your money is not for your personal gratification alone. God wants you to use it to promote His kingdom.
4. Ask God to help you to improve every talent you have so you will be on a cutting-edge.
5. Ask God to grant you the grace of giving. You cannot perfect stewardship if you are not a giver. Your giving demonstrates your passion and where your heart really is.
2 Corinthians 8:7 Since you excel in so many ways - in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love for us - I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.
6. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to know what God wants you to do during the second half of 2015.
7. As directed by the Spirit of God.

Day 9 - Friday, July 10th, 2015

May was our welfare month. We revisited the welfare services we provide as a church in order to make them perfect. We heard that God expects us to strive to become a blessing to as many who come into our lives. We heard that in life, each one of us will face both good and bad times. They're inevitable! When you experience breakthroughs or suffering, you need people to rejoice or weep with you. Community is God's answer to despair. **Romans 12:15** commands us to “rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep”.

Acts 2:44-47 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and sincere hearts. 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Galatians 6:9-10 *So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. 10 Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone - especially to those in the family of faith.*

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Ask God for grace to continue to apply this “Word” in your life. Ask Him to give you a heart that is obedient and surrendered to His will.
2. Pray that God will help us to see people in the light of their potential and encourage those people using the principles of His word.
3. Submit your thoughts to the Lord; ask Him to free your mind from any memory that holds you captive to the defeats of your past.
4. Ask God to help you to connect fully to the church. The collective strength and anointing of a people is greater than what they have individually, so pray for the grace to open your door for other members to connect with you. Belonging makes the church grow stronger. It also helps individuals to build their spiritual safety net.
5. Pray that as a church, we will truly love, share and care for one another.
6. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to know what God wants you to do during the second half of 2015.
7. As directed by the Spirit of God.

Day 10 - Saturday, July 11th, 2015

In June, our focus was on how to develop a kingdom mindset. We heard that it is important to fix our mind on the fact that we have been chosen and called by God to serve. This service includes our service to God and His church, our service to the world, which translates into preaching the good news of Christ and our service to one another. We heard that the key of service is a sure way to experiencing divine exaltation. We also heard that as believers it is important to develop this mindset of living as a bondservant of Christ all the remaining days of our lives.

Philippians 2:1-5 *Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.*

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Ask God to help you reject negative ideas that comes into your mind.
2. Ask God to help you accept His thoughts (ideas) for your life; ask Him for the grace to see life from His point of view. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire you to generate creative ideas in every area of your life.
3. Ask God to help you to operate with the same love Jesus had.
4. Ask God to help you to commit to unity and togetherness. Pray for the grace to constantly check your motives to determine why you do what you do.
5. Ask God to help you to be humble. Pray that you will not only look out for your own interests, but for the interests of others.
6. Ask God to help you to fix your mind on deriving nourishment from doing what God has called you to do to the end.
John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."
7. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to know what God wants you to do during the second half of 2015.
8. As directed by the Sprit of God.

Day 11 - Sunday, July 12th, 2015

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ²Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.³This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Thank God for Canada. Thank Him for all the diverse people groups who are part of this city, province and nation. Pray for national unity; ask the Lord make all the people dwell in safety.
2. Intercede for those in leadership. Ask the Lord to burden the hearts of leaders with the real needs of the citizens; pray that righteousness will be exalted in the lives of all public servants. Ask God to bless Edmonton, Alberta and Canada with wise leaders.

3. Pray that the Lord will draw each citizen unto Himself; that His glory will overshadow the lives of the people. Declare that Edmonton, Alberta and Canada shall become a delightsome land.
4. Ask God to help us to work together as a church and not break ranks; pray that all church workers will understand their expected roles and strive to please God in all they do. Ask God to open the understanding of all church workers to be committed to growth.
5. Pray for the pastor and all ministry team leads and assistants to fulfill their ministry.
***Colossians 4:17** And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."*
6. Ask God to help every leader to set a good example and be willing to sacrifice more.
7. Ask Him for the grace to break every negative habit that constantly undermines your effectiveness; decree freedom from every addiction and claim God's promise of blessing over your life.
8. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to know what God wants you to do during the second half of 2015.

Perfection Declaration 2015

O Lord my God How excellent is your name in all the earth.
When I consider the work of Your hands, The sun, the moon and the stars,
What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him?

You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.
I will praise You Lord, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

You, O Lord, are perfect in all your ways;
Your Word is tried and proven
In your Word I see myself
In your word I am changed
It is written, 'You shall be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect'
Therefore with all boldness I affirm that
As He is; so am I in this world
His righteousness is my righteousness
His wisdom is my wisdom
His grace is sufficient for me

The Lord perfects that which concerns me
He has made me whole
Forgiven
Saved
Redeemed
Justified
I am complete in Christ
Nothing missing; Nothing broken
My cup runs over
Surely, goodness and mercy
Shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever,

In Jesus' Name
Amen