

# **SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH - 2016**

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



### **PRAYER FOCUS - WEEK THREE**

*Positioning for Greater Influence*

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

## **A Message from the Shepherd**

*Isaiah 40:28-31* Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. <sup>30</sup> Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. <sup>31</sup> But 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.

July is SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS MONTH in ICGC. It is a month of PRAYER AND FASTING. Let's continue to journey together in faith as we enter week three (Day 11 to Day 17) of our thirty (30) days prayer and fasting.

**Our focus for week three is captured by the theme “Positioning for Greater Influence”.** What kind of influence do you want to have in your circle, in your community, and in the world? What will it take to take your influence to the next level? Ask God to help you to learn how to contend for your faith in order to maintain your power of influence as a believer. Pray for the grace to greatly influence the people God has brought into your life with His power and love.

Ask God to help you to abide in His word. Pray for the grace to take fresh territories. Ask God to help you to give more of yourself away during the second half of this year and beyond. Generosity expands your influence. The more generous you become, the more influential you will be. Pray that you will yield to the influence of the Holy Spirit in order to continue to share freely and give generously to those in need.

**Expect burdens to be lifted, bondages to be broken, battles to be won, and the floodgates of heaven to be opened in your life as you wait on the Lord.**

I encourage you to be part of all scheduled meetings. The venue and times are as follows:

- **Mondays to Thursdays** – Prayer teleconference from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Fridays** – Church service in the auditorium from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Saturdays** - Prayer teleconference from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- **Sundays** - Church service in the auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Note:** All ICGC Love Temple members are encouraged to check their personal emails for the teleconference call-in details.

*Pastor Emmanuel Anum Laate*

## ***Day 11 - Monday, July 11, 2016***

Take some time today to read through the epistle of Jude. Ask God to help you to learn how to earnestly contend for your faith in order to maintain your power of influence as believer. Ask for the grace to stand your ground when your faith is tested or challenged. Pray for the grace to effectively use every weapon you have in fighting the enemy. You have all that is required – the word of God, the blood of Christ, the ministering spirits or angels waiting for your directives, the Holy Ghost and above all the name that is above all other names, the name Jesus.

**Jude 1:3** Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Ask God to deposit a deep yearning in your heart to dig in and understand more thoroughly your faith in Christ.
- 2) Ask God for the grace to contend for your faith. The devil is an oppressor by nature. Pray for the grace to spiritually attack your attackers and confront your confrontations. Don't be laid back. You cannot fail. Remember there is no condemnation for you so rise up and don't be indifferent.

In Genesis 1, the enemy invaded God's creation with darkness and emptiness but God superimposed what He wanted by allowing his Spirit to move and by declaring ... "Let there be light". God did not sit down doing nothing. He acted out.

- 3) Pray for the grace to rise up with understanding and contend for the fulfilment of the promises of God in your life.
- 4) Pray for the grace to take your destiny into your hands and not waste time. Wasting time can be critical. In Gen 32 Jacob fought with an angel and prevail. Life will not give you what you expect but what you demand.
- 5) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p><b>Prayer Teleconference @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM</b> <b>(All Love Temple Members)</b></p>
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## *Day 12 - Tuesday, July 12, 2016*

Ask God for the grace to greatly influence the people He has brought into your life with His power and love. People in this context refers to unbelievers, new and matured Christians, sick and troubled people, rich and poor, Christians having personal difficulties with sin etc. No human being is a reject including those who have been overtaken in sin. Ask God to help you to develop yourself continually so can become an example to others in every area of your life.

**1 Timothy 4:12** Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Ask God to help you to love other believers more deeply. Pray for every ICGC Love Temple member to influence people positively with what they say; pray for the grace to control your tongue and only speak words that build.
- 2) Ask God to help you to pay attention to how you behave in your private and public life. Pray for the grace to become an example to the believers in your conduct (behaviour). That your character as a whole will be worthy of emulation.
- 3) Pray for the grace to focus on things that have eternal value. Note that the people in your life have eternal value; the things you own do not.

**Luke 12:15** And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.

- 4) Pray for the grace to take a new look at the people in your life (family, friends, church members, neighbors, co-workers etc.) whether they are pleasant, annoying or insensitive and determine to influence them with the principles of God's word.
- 5) Ask God to show Himself strong in every area of your life. Boldly affirm that you are greatly influencing people in every area of your life.
- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

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## ***Day 13 - Wednesday, July 13, 2016***

Ask God to help you to abide in His word. Abide means remain, endure, continue to be present. Jesus said if you continue to be present in His Word and His Word is also present in you, no accomplishment will be too big for you. If you abide in the word you can see people in the light of their God-given potential and above all you will know how to handle and treat them. Without God's word, you cannot succeed in life. As powerful as God is, He will be a failure in making you a success if you do not abide in His word. In other words, God cannot force or impose success on you; it won't work!

**Joshua 1:8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

**John 15:7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

**Psalms 1:1-3** Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup> But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Ask God to raise men and women in ICGC Love Temple who will have an earnest desire to abide in the word. Pray that God's word will dwell in you richly in all wisdom - Col 3:16a
- 2) Ask God to help you to meditate on His WORD day and night. Pray that you will not walk in the counsel of the ungodly.
- 3) Pray for the grace to obey God's word.

**Luke 10:42** "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

- 4) Ask God to help you get rid of your selfish desires so that your prayers will not be hindered. Pray that your conscience will be made right with God and that you will understand His ultimate plan for your life.
- 5) Ask God to help you to see the people He has brought into your life in the light of their God-given potential. Pray for the grace to know how to handle and treat them.
- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

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## ***Day 14 - Thursday, July 14, 2016***

Pray for the grace to take fresh territories. Ask God to help you stretch your faith in order to break new frontiers.

**Genesis 26:18-22** And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham. He called them by the names which his father had called them. <sup>19</sup> Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there. <sup>20</sup> But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The water is ours." So he called the name of the well Esek, because they quarreled with him. <sup>21</sup> Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that *one* also. So he called its name Sitnah. <sup>22</sup> And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, because he said, "For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Ask God to help you stay open to His agenda for your life. God is always setting new agenda for us. When one door closes, He opens another. God never closes the door permanently.
- 2) Pray for the grace to look beyond your past failures and start taking steps forward. Pray that God will restore every broken or shattered confidence and grant you the grace to rise up and begin to take new steps forward.
- 3) Pray for the grace to dig fresh and deeper wells. The deeper the well, the fresher and cooler the water will be. Your depth determines your height.
- 4) Pray and bind any demon assigned to fill up your well. Know that the enemy is looking for ways to fill up the wells you have dug and will dig in the future.
- 5) Pray for the grace to take over; to take your place and be a voice in the land. Remember Isaac took over in a foreign land. It is not where you are but who is in you, and whose word you are acting on.
- 6) Pray that God will bless you with the spirit of obedience. That God will give you the grace to follow His leading no matter the circumstances.
- 7) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p><b>Prayer Teleconference @ 7:00 – 8:00 PM</b> <b>(All Love Temple Members)</b></p>
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## ***Day 15 - Friday, July 15, 2016***

Ask God to help you to give more of yourself away. Generosity will expand your influence. The more generous you become, the more influential you will be. Pray that you will yield to the influence of the Holy Spirit in order to continue to share freely and give generously to those in need.

**Proverbs 11:24** Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.

*The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller (MSG).*

**Psalm 112:9** They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor” (NLT).

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Bind every stingy spirit and pray for the grace to give your time, effort and resources generously to support God’s work.
- 2) Ask God to help you to be faithful with the small things He has blessed you with.
- 3) Pray for the grace to give your tithes and offerings regularly and faithfully. Ask God to help you to give above and beyond your tithe (Firstfruits).
- 4) Ask God to raise generous men and women in ICGC Love Temple who will command great wealth.
- 5) Ask God to help every ICGC Love Temple member to sacrifice more for the church.
- 6) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p><b>Church Service @ 7:00 -8:30 PM</b> <b>Venue: Church Auditorium</b></p>
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## ***Day 16 - Saturday, July 16, 2016***

Come before God with deep intercessory prayers for your family and the church.

**1 Timothy 2:1-2** Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

**Matthew 16:19** And I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Destroy all the plans of the devil against your family and the church.
- 2) Come against every spirit of infirmity, bind sicknesses and diseases and pray for healing. Make a declaration for creative miracles in the genetic constitution of every one who is sick. Healing for diseases of the head, eye, brain, nose, ears, mouth, hands, feet, heart, lungs, stomach, bone, etc. Healing in every cell, tissue and organ of the body.
- 3) Pray and release financial prosperity, grace for career advancement, academic breakthroughs and immigration breakthroughs.
- 4) Pray and decree that a year by this time babies will be born in the homes of couples who need children.
- 5) Pray for the General Overseer of International Central Gospel Church, Dr. Mensa Otabil and all ICGC pastors and members worldwide. Pray that God will cause all ICGC churches to grow and become a voice in land wherever they are planted.
- 6) Pray that God will give you the grace to avoid the temptation of taking 'short cuts'.
- 7) Ask God to help every ICGC church leader to set a good example and be willing to sacrifice more. Ask the Lord to give them grace to break every negative habit that constantly undermines their effectiveness; decree freedom from every addiction and claim God's promise of blessing over their lives.
- 8) Ask God to show Himself strong in every area of your life. Boldly affirm that all is well with you and your family.
- 9) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p><b>Prayer Teleconference @ 5:00 – 6:00 AM (All Love Temple Members)</b></p>
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## ***Day 17 - Sunday, July 17, 2016***

Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised those who believe in Him as Lord and Saviour, His Holy Spirit. He plainly declared that the Holy Spirit was going to come after He had ascended to heaven. The Holy Spirit is to indwell the believer and be his TEACHER, COMFORTER, and GUIDE. There can be no fruitful Christian living without the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 5:6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

**Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**Luke 11:9-13** So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1) Ask God to deposit a deep yearning in your heart for the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

**1 Corinthians 14:4** teaches that He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself. Speaking in tongues gives the believer a direct communication line to God in the spirit and becomes a great help in worship - **1 Cor. 14:2, 15**. It keeps our prayers in line with God’s will because it enables us to pray for what we should, including the unknown - **Romans 8:26-27**. Speaking in tongues stimulates faith in the believer - **Jude 1:20**

- 2) Pray for the manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit in your life - **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**.
- 3) Pray that the Spirit of God will lead you in every situation. Pray that you will be more responsive and not grieve the Holy Spirit.
- 4) Offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving unto God for all the blessings He has ordained for you in this Spiritual Emphasis month. Thank Him for the feast of miracles He has prepared for you this month.
- 5) As directed by the Holy Spirit.

<p><b>Church Service @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON</b> <b>Venue: Church Auditorium</b></p>
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