

Sermon Summary for 17th March, 2019

“WHY THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE GIVEN”

Ex 31: 1-11; 1 Cor 12: 4-11; Rom 12:6-8

Rev. Julius Coomson

Know the Giver and His Gifts

Sometimes the excitement of having and using the gifts can make us to forget the giver of the gifts. This should not be allowed to happen. God is generous and gives without finding fault (James 1:5). The first gift God gave the world is the Gift of His Son Jesus Christ (John 3:16). When we receive the Son into our hearts, He also gives the Gift of The Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33, 38), who also brings spiritual gifts (1Cor. 12:4-11). Until a person has the Gift of the Son, they cannot receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Do you have the Son?

Know the Characteristics of the Gifts

1. **The Spiritual Gifts are given solely by the Grace of God.** The gifts (*charismata*), including the spiritual gifts (*pneumatica*) are grace gifts and not rewards for being a mature Christian or living a pure life (even though maturity and purity are extremely important). We don't work to earn the gifts; they are 'birthday gifts' to every Christians. When we try to earn the gifts, we hinder their manifestation. Every Christian believer has a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:7).

2. **The Spiritual Gifts Are Supernatural in Nature.** The spiritual gifts are distinct from one's natural abilities/ talents. The spiritual gifts are special endowments for the service of God given by The Holy Spirit (Exodus 31:1-11). For example, the gift of a **word of knowledge** is different from the knowledge acquired through studying. The spiritual gifts are a manifestation of the Holy Spirit (1Cor. 12:7). They are not talents one can use at will. When the Holy Spirit manifests a particular gift consistently through a believer, we say the person has that particular spiritual gift.

3. **The Spiritual Gifts are Given Through God's Sovereignty.** Even though Christians are exhorted to eagerly desire the spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 14:1) we are also to remember that it is the Holy Spirit who determines what gift one eventually manifests (1Cor. 12:11). For this reason, we should not undermine our gifts or those of others. In addition, we should not compare or envy other people's gifts. No gift the Holy Spirit gives is irrelevant. They are all important for building up the body of Christ.

4. **The fruit of the Spirit is not a substitute for The Spiritual Gifts.** We should not set up the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit against each other because they all play unique roles in the building up of the body of Christ. The spiritual gift without the fruit is a disaster. Also, when the church has the fruit but not the manifestation of the gifts, it will not make much impact for the Lord. We must imitate the Lord Jesus Christ who held both gifts and fruit in perfect harmony.

Know the Categories of Spiritual Gifts:

Revelational gifts: a word of knowledge, a word of wisdom and discernings of spirits

Power gifts: faith, workings of miracles and gifts of healings

Inspirational gifts: prophecy, speaking in diverse tongues and interpretation of tongues

Know the Purpose of the Spiritual Gifts-The spiritual gifts are given so that:

1. We can Glorify God. From Acts 3:1-9 and 4:21&22, we observe that when the cripple at the beautiful gate was healed, people glorified God. The spiritual gifts are not given so we can advance our self-importance or build our empires. They exist for God's glory.

2. We can build up the church and be effective in fulfilling the Great Commission (Mark 16:20, Acts 9:32-35).

3. We can confront the kingdom of darkness. From what we observe in Acts 8:4-13, we learn that counterfeit manifestation of the gifts will thrive unless the Holy Spirit is manifesting His gifts through the Church. If the church manifests the gifts, church members will not be attracted to the counterfeit gifts. May the Lord stir up our hearts and give us the grace to manifest His Gifts for His Glory.

This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ Pray for the Church: that a culture of discipling would form in LIC, and in the Church in Ghana, so disciple-making is viewed as the core mandate of every Christian (Matthew 28:16-20; John 8:31-32; 2 Timothy 2:2)

✠ Pray for Ghana: that we would have unity amid diversity – loving and honoring others; and that the gospel of Christ will bind believers together (Romans 12:18; 1 Peter 3:8; 1 John 4:12; Colossians 3:13-14)

✠ Pray that Christians all over the world would be prepared for persecution in the line of living the Christian life, remembering to love and not curse their persecutors (John 15:18; Matthew 5:10, 43-48)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Mar 24: Mr. Richmond Effah-Mensah
Mar 24: Mrs. Alice Ofoe
Mar 25: Mr. Cudjoe Amenyah
Mar 25: Ms. Ruth Allotey
Mar 25: Dr. Richmond Aryeetey
Mar 26: Ms. Francisca Dzodzornu
Mar 26: Ms. Akpene Amenumey
Mar 26: Mr. Mc George Mensah
Mar 26: Ms. Priscilla Aseye Nanam
Mar 27: Ms. Sarah Agblah
Mar 28: Ms. Deborah Allotey
Mar 28: Ms. Esther Kwapong
Mar 28: Mr. Samuel Takyi Ansah
Mar 29: Nana Jeremy Amattoe
Mar 29: Maame Ama Adomako
Mar 29: Mrs. Abigail Bediako Alou
Mar 29: Ms. Ayodele Sawyerr
Mar 29: Mr. Fiifi Smith-Quayson
Mar 29: Dr. Felix Ankamah Asante
Mar 29: Ms. Freda Duah Konadu
Mar 30: Ms. Kafui Yawa Kwadzo
Mar 30: Mrs. Naomi Simpson
Mar 30: Mrs. Nana Esi Idun-Arkhurst
Mar 30: Mrs. Abena Aryee

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 25: Maxwell & Obadiah Twum-Boateng
Mar 25: Alexander & Jaqueline Owusu-Biney
Mar 26: Mr. & Mrs. Mills
Mar 27: Jerry & Angela Otchi
Mar 28: Mr. & Mrs. Amanor
Mar 28: Kojo & Nana Yaa Darpaah
Mar 30: Paul & Judith Baiden

WELCOME



TO

LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

(University of Ghana, Legon)

The Council of Elders and Pastors heartily welcome you to God's House this Sunday morning! Akwaaba!!

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH, 2019

YEAR'S THEME: “EMPOWERED FOR SERVICE”

Half-Year Theme: “The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer”

FIRST SERVICE: 7:00AM TO 9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY: 9:15AM TO 10:15AM ON SUNDAYS

SECOND SERVICE: 10:30AM TO 12:30PM

Pastors:	Rev. Francis Yaw Boamah	Tel: 024 464 6205
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LIC: SAVED TO SERVE!

LIC FAMILY FAIR 2019 (after Service on Easter Sunday, 21st April)

Please donate anything that can be a blessing to another family... clothes, groceries, household items, etc. **We are collecting donations till Sunday, 14th April**
Perishable items can be donated on the day of event at 8AM.

TODAY: SUNDAY, 24TH MARCH, 2019 (PRAYER SERVICE)

Officiant for 1st Service: Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae
 Officiant for 2nd Service: Ms. Phoebe Washington-Nortey

Exhortation Topic: **“THE PRAYER THAT AVAILS MUCH”**
 Preacher: **Mr. Kofi Yeboah**

Notices for 1st Service: Dr. Esi Ansah
 Notices for 2nd Service: Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful



Scripture Passages: **1 Kings 17: 1 - 6 and James 5: 13 - 18**

Opening Hymn: *“Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee”*
 Song Ministration: LIC Choir
 Closing Hymn: *“What a Friend we have in Jesus”*



NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH, 2019 (INVITATION SUNDAY)

Officiant: 1st & 2nd Services - Mr. Ben Asiedu || Mrs. Isabella Agra

Sermon Topic: **“The Gospel: The Cure to Our Spiritual and Physical Malady”**
 Preacher: **Mr. Ibrahim Baidoo**

Lectors: 1st Service - Mr. Hope Ewudor and Ms. Abigail Addison
 2nd Service - Mr. Henry Abraham and Ms. Emefa Aveh

Scripture Passages: **2Kings 5: 1 - 19 and Luke 7: 1 - 10**

Notices: 1st & 2nd Services - Dr. Esi Ansah || Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful

KNOW YOUR AREA FELLOWSHIP CONVENORS

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West Legon	Mr. Paul Agyenim-Boateng	024.433.0933



Activity for 24th March, 19

“NETFLIX AND CHILL”

Leaders:
 Debbie Boamah; Kweku Afful;
 Lois Appiah-Opong; Nhyira Kyei

Time is **4:00pm @ LIC**

Visitors' Reception for MARCH, 2019

1st: Mr. Ebenezer Nortey
2nd: Mr. John Kudadjie

REFLECTION: HOW TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING...

Prayer is talking not telling. Talking is telling and listening. Prayer is talking to God anytime and anywhere about anything – about the serious things, the dumbest things, the funniest things, the now things, the tomorrow things, the good news, the bad news, your feelings, your fears, your desires - anything. These can get you praying for life. The more you tell and listen to God, the more you hear Him because He is always talking and loves to be heard. — JNA (Mar-2019)

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the banns for the **THIRD and FINAL TIME**, between **Mr. Benjamin Kobina Sagoe** of the Church of Pentecost, Ashaiman New Town and **Ms. Gloria Emefa Adinyira** of LIC.

Please inform the Pastors or Presiding Elder if you know of any just and valid reason why these persons may not be lawfully joined together in marriage. Kindly keep them in prayer.

PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER

The Prayer Ministry requests the under-listed persons to kindly provide the Ministry with their active/current contact numbers and professions as they pray for them this week. The Ministry's week begins on Monday and runs until Saturday.

Dr. (Mrs.) Naa Larteley Ainooson	Mrs. Emily Rebecca Akotia	Ms. Seli Adzo Akoto
Lt. Col Samuel Akai-Nettey	Ms. Enyonam Emefa Akotia	Ms. Sena Akoto
Mr. Sylvanus Akorsu	Ms. Yaa Akotia Akotia	Setor Akoto
Mr. Samuel Kofi Akosah	Mr. Mawuli Agbesi Akoto	Ms. Gifty Korankyawaa Akoto
Ms. Dzidzo Yawa Akotia	Mrs. Millicent Akoto	Dr. (Mrs.) Vivien Awofio Akoto

Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12noon on Wednesday: Mr. David Avor - 0207628947 and Mr. Otabil Arthur—0269654873. Also, **please update your records with the Church Office.**

ELDERS ON DUTY

SUNDAY, 24TH MARCH, 2019

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244-353522)
 Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)

Reception

Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)
 Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae (0243-367611)

NEXT SUNDAY, 31ST MARCH, 2019

Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)
 Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)

Counseling

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)

MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
Fri. 29-Mar	6:30pm-8:00pm	LIC NIGHT AT THE MOVIES ... Titled: “Beautifully Broken”			
Fri. 5-Apr	10:00pm - 4:00am	Mr. William Berko Asamoah	All-Night Prayer Meeting	“LORD SHOW US OUR AUTHORITY IN CHRIST” (Luke 10: 17 - 20)	Rev. Julius Coomson & Prophet Afriyie-Jenkins
Sun. 7-Apr	INTERNATIONALS SUNDAY (for BOTH Services)				
Sun. 14-Apr	CHILDREN'S DAY / PALM SUNDAY / HOSANNA MARCH (JOINT SERVICE)				

◇ PRAYER MEETINGS:

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 8:45am - 9:15am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30pm- 8pm; Monday: In the Meeting Room 1 @ 6:30pm - 8pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30pm - 8pm in the Sanctuary, except for 'Bethesda Moment' which is from 6:30pm - 8:30pm; Saturday: Prayer for Missions @ 7am - 8:30am on the Right Verandah of the Sanctuary; All Night Prayer Meeting: 1st Friday of the Month @ 10pm - 4am

◇ **BIBLE STUDIES:** Sunday: 9:15 - 10:15am (for 2 Services); 8am - 9am (for Joint Services); Monday: 6:45pm - 8:00pm

◇ **REHEARSALS:** LIC BAND: Tuesdays @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm LIC CHOIR: Saturdays @ 4:00pm - 7:00pm