

Foundations pt5 – Ministry of the Laying on of Hands

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[Heb 6:1-3 NASB95] 1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.

- Mark Hankins recently said that this is a fundamental ministry that is a missing ingredient in the church today, and it is hindering the Holy Spirit from moving.
- The ministry of the laying on of hands has several Biblical reasons: the act of ordination, healing and/or blessing, and impartation.
- God told me to have Norvel Hayes lay his hands on me.

What instructions do we need to know about the ministry of laying on of hands?

Here are three reasons and implications for the ministry of laying on of hands.

I. The Act of Ordination

- a. [Deu 34:9 NASB95] 9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.
- b. [1Ti 4:14 NASB95] 14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.
- c. [1Ti 5:22 NASB95] 22 Do not lay hands upon anyone [too] hastily and thereby share [responsibility for] the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin.
- d. [Act 6:6 NASB95] 6 And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.
- e. [Act 13:1-3 NASB95] 1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was [there,] prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
- f. This is an important aspect of ministry. (Ordination service at CGIA.)

II. Healing and/or Blessing

- a. [Mat 19:13-15 NASB95] 13 Then [some] children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." 15 After laying His hands on them, He departed from there.
- b. [Mar 10:16 NASB95] 16 And He took them in His arms and [began] blessing them, laying His hands on them.
- c. [Mar 5:23 NASB95] 23 and implored Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; [please] come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live."
- d. [Mar 6:5 NASB95] 5 And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.
- e. [Mar 8:23-25 NASB95] 23 Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?" 24 And he looked up and said, "I see men, for I see [them] like

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trees, walking around." 25 Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and [began] to see everything clearly.

- f. [Luk 4:40 NASB95] 40 While the sun was setting, all those who had any [who were] sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them.
- g. [Luk 13:13-14 NASB95] 13 And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and [began] glorifying God. 14 But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, [began] saying to the crowd in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day."
- h. [Mar 16:18 NASB95] 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly [poison,] it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
- i. [Act 28:8-9 NASB95] 8 And it happened that the father of Publius was lying [in bed] afflicted with [recurrent] fever and dysentery; and Paul went in [to see] him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him. 9 After this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured.
- j. [Act 9:17-19 NASB95] 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized; 19 and he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus,
- k. [Act 4:29-31 NASB95] 29 "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, 30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and [began] to speak the word of God with boldness.

III. Impartation

- a. [Act 8:14-17 NASB95] 14 Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they [began] laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.
- b. [Act 19:6 NASB95] 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they [began] speaking with tongues and prophesying.
- c. [Rom 1:11-12 NASB95] 11 For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you [while] among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.
- d. [2Ti 1:6 NASB95] 6 For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

IV. Implications of laying on of hands.

- a. You need to be connected to the church for that ministry to happen. If you are not around the men and women of God, hands will not be laid upon you. You are missing this FOUNDATIONAL ministry in your life.

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- b. You do not need to be OVERLY afraid of “negative” transference. Every leader who is going to lay hands on you is a human. You do need to determine if they have a demonic spirit but understand the blessing on you is stronger than the curse.
 - i. Control your spirit.
 - ii. Guard your tongue.
 - iii. Carefully select your spiritual authorities.
 - iv. Guard your senses (hearing, seeing, feeling).
 - c. You need to release faith in God for what happens when hands are laid upon you. According to Mark Hankins, Hagin would have people say, “When he lays his hands on me, I will receive.”
 - d. You need to take every opportunity to have hands laid upon you.
- **God uses the ministry of laying on of hands to ordain us into the ministry, to bless/heal us and to impart a gift to us.**