

# *LAYING ON OF HANDS*

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BACK TO BASICS



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**Heb 6:1-3 (NLT)** -- <sup>1</sup> So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. <sup>2</sup> You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.

# *INTRODUCTION*

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- The Bible is replete with symbolisms.
  - Many have little understanding of biblical symbolisms and consequently, misapply them.
- The Bible is our handbook.
  - It describes how man was made and details spiritual principles.
  - One of those spiritual principles is laying on of hands.

# *SPIRITUAL WISDOM PERTAINING TO LAYING ON OF HANDS*

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- Laying on of hands: A symbolic gesture with spiritual overtones.
- Examples of physical acts that had spiritual implications.
  - 2 Ki 13:14-19 - Elisha, and King Jehoash.
  - 2 Sam 21:1-2 & 10-14. David seeking understanding for the famine
  - 2 Kings 20:12-19 - Hezekiah's physical act lead to spiritual bondage.
  - Ex. 14:15-16 - Moses' physical acts had spiritual value.

# *HAVE SPIRITUAL WISDOM*

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- Set your heart to receive.
  - Have a “whatever it takes” mindset.
  - Nothing is too much or ridiculous when you need a breakthrough.
- Avoid a hard heart.
  - Be open to receive.
  - Consider the possibilities even if it’s outside your religious norm.

# *LAYING ON OF HANDS: A NATURAL ACT WITH SPIRITUAL IMPLICATIONS*

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1) Impartation of Blessings. We have the power to bless.

- **Dt 34:9 (NLT)** -- <sup>9</sup> Now Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him, doing just as the LORD had commanded Moses.
- **Mk 10:16 (NLT)** -- <sup>16</sup> Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

2) The impartation of healings and miracles.

- **Mk 8:23 (NLT)** -- <sup>23</sup> Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?"
- **Ac 28:8 (NLT)** -- <sup>8</sup> As it happened, Publius's father was ill with fever and dysentery. Paul went in and prayed for him, and laying his hands on him, he healed him.

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## 3) The impartation of the Holy Ghost.

- **Ac 8:17 (NLT) --** <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.
- **Ac 19:6 (NLT) --** <sup>6</sup> Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied.

## 4) The impartation of spiritual gifts

- **1 Ti 4:14 (NLT) --** <sup>14</sup> Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.
- **2 Ti 1:6 (NLT) --** <sup>6</sup> This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.

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5) Setting someone in a position of authority (setting apart of someone to a particular office).

- **Ac 13:3 (NLT)** -- <sup>3</sup> So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.
- **1 Ti 5:22 (NKJV)** -- <sup>22</sup> Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

# *LAYING ON OF HANDS: APPLICATION*

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## ➤ Be intentional.

- Look for blessing opportunities.
- Give and it will be given to you.

## ➤ Have faith that you are a carrier of blessings.

- There is Power in the blessing.
- Patriarch's always touched their children and spoke a blessing over their life.
- Jesus blessed the children (Mk 10:16)

## ➤ Speak blessings to each other.

- We have the authority to speak health, wealth, gifts, wisdom, and the Holy Spirit.
- The blessing should be reinforced with words.
- Death and life are in the power of the tongue.