



V. Laying on of Hands

A. Biblical Reasons and Examples

1. To Bless

a. Jesus with children

And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:16

b. Jacob's blessing Isaac

Now when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. Genesis 48:17

2. To transfer sin

a. Sin to offerings

Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.

Leviticus 1:4

3. To heal

a. Jesus laid hands to heal

Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. Mark 6:5

b. Jesus commanded us to

they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. Mark 16:18

4. To receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit

a. Peter and John laid on coverts

Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:17



5. To impart a spiritual gift

a. Paul and Timothy

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. 1

Timothy 4:14

6. To commission for ministry

a. Paul and Barnabas commissioned by the church

Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. Acts 13:3

7. To impart authority

a. Moses to Joshua

Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Deuteronomy 34:9

B. Practical Advice and Examples

Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure. 1 Timothy 5:22

And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you 1

Thessalonians 5:12

1. Be careful who you let lay hands on you and what they're imparting

2. Be careful who you lay hands on and impart to

3. When laying hands, wait until you're ready to release your faith. Be intentional about it.

a. Paul on the disciples at Ephesus

And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Acts 19:6