

YOUNG WARRIORS SESSION 6

The Laying on of Hands

I. The 6 Foundational Doctrines

Hebrews 6:1

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith towards God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgement.”

- 1.) Repentance
- 2.) Faith towards God
- 3.) Doctrine of baptisms
 - a.) Baptism of water
 - b.) Baptism of fire
 - c.) Baptism of the Holy spirit
 - d.) Baptism of death
 - e.) Baptism of suffering
- 4.) Laying on of hands
- 5.) Resurrection of the dead
- 6.) Eternal judgement

II. What does the laying on of hands mean?

- 1.) In the Bible, hands speak of power and strength.
- 2.) Laying on of hands speaks of something being imparted/released.
 - a.) power can actually be transferred through hands

1 Timothy 5:22

“Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people’s sins; keep yourself pure.”

- a.) Why should we not be hasty in laying our hands on someone?
 - Our hands carry power and should be treated with respect.
- b.) Paul found it so important that he gave instructions about it.
- 3.) There is a ministry in the laying on of hands.

Leviticus 8:14

“And he brought the bull for the sin offering. Then Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull for the sin offering”

- a.) This was during the Old Testament when sacrifices were made.
- b.) The sins of Israel were being transferred into the sacrifice.
- c.) TIME 4:10

III. Power released through our hands

Mark 16:17-18

“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink

and deadly thing, it shall not hurt them they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

1.) 7 Things that are imparted or released through laying on of hands:

a.) Authority and Wisdom

Deuteronomy 34:9

“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.”

- the anointing and wisdom of Moses was released into Joshua

b.) Healing

Luke 4:40

“When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.”

- they often lay their hands on their foreheads

- the ministry of laying on of hands

c.) Life

2 Kings 4:34

“And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm.”

- this verse is referring to Elisha

- people are being raised up from the dead; even today

d.) Spiritual Gifts

1 Timothy 4:14

“Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.”

EXAMPLE: Pastor Steve has had Benny Hinn and Maurice Cerullo lay hands on him and impart spiritual gifts in his life. He saw a difference in his life and recognized a greater power that started to flow out of him.

2 Timothy 1:6

“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.”

e.) The Holy Spirit

Acts 8:17

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

f.) Commissioned/Sent

Acts 6:5-7

“And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the Word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.”

- they were needing to choose someone to care for the widows

- Stephen leads many to Jesus

- Stephen is also the first one to be martyred

- Philip leads an Ethiopian eunuch
- Ethiopian eunuch leads the Queen of Ethiopia to Jesus
- The Queen commissions the eunuch to preach the gospel
- 1 million people gave their lives to Christ
- All of these people were under an authority and their authority was

under God. Many people were led to Jesus all because some were commissioned and sent by the laying on of hands from their authority. We have to be submitted to our authority. We have to be one who is sent.

g.) Blessing

Genes 48:14

“Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim’s head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh’s head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn.”

- It is referring to Israel the person not the nation
- the right hand signified the firstborn blessing
- Israel gave the younger son the firstborn blessing

Genesis 48:20

“So he blessed them that day, saying, “By you Israel will bless, saying, ‘May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!’” And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.”

- blessing: the power of God to prosper in all things

STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1.) What are the 6 Foundational Doctrines?

- 2.) What do the “hands” refer to in the Bible?

- 3.) Why should we not be hasty in laying our hands on people?

- 4.) What 7 things can be imparted through our hands?

- 5.) What must we be under when being commissioned and why is it so important?