

**Laying The Foundation
Transmitting God's Power
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I. Laying On of Hands (Hebrews 6:2)

- A. Ensures continuity of life and leadership of God's people
- B. Spiritual purposes added to common human practice
 - 1. To transmit: blessings, authority, wisdom, the Holy Spirit, a spiritual gift or ministry
 - 2. To commission:
 - a. Recognize: not appoint, but recognize God's choice
 - b. Set apart: to a certain task/ministry
 - c. Endorse: give authority
 - d. Equip: transmission of spiritual authority

II. Examples From Old Testament

- A. Jacob laid hands on the sons of Joseph (Gen. 48:8–19)
 - 1. Imparted a blessing
 - 2. Determined their destiny
- B. Moses laid hands on Joshua (Num. 27:18–23; Deut. 34:9)
 - 1. Set apart
 - 2. Endorsed
 - 3. Equipped
- C. Elisha laid hands on king Joash (2 Kings 13:14–17)
 - 1. Endorsed
 - 2. Imparted supernatural spiritual authority

III. Purposes Indicated In New Testament

- A. To impart healing to the sick
 - 1. To the unsaved (Mark 16:17–18; Luke 4:40–41)
 - 2. For church members, accompanied by anointing with oil (James 5:14–15)
- B. To impart (the gift of) the Holy Spirit
 - 1. The Samaritans (Acts 8:14–20)
 - 2. Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:17–18)
 - 3. Disciples of Ephesus (Acts 19:1–6)
- C. To commission church servants/deacons (Acts 6:1–7)
 - 1. Transmit authority
 - 2. Set apart, endorse, equip
- D. To send out apostles (Acts 13:1–4, 14:26–27)
 - 1. Transmit authority
 - 2. Set apart, endorse, equip
- E. To appoint elders (Acts 14:23; 1 Tim. 5:17–22; Titus 1:5)
 - 1. Transmit authority
 - 2. Set apart, endorse, equip
- F. To impart a spiritual gift (Charisma)
 - 1. Romans 1:11–12
 - 2. 2 Timothy 1:6
- G. By extension, to similar situations

IV. Apostleship Of Timothy (1 Thess. 1:1, 2:6)

- A. Chosen by Paul, endorsed by local elders (Acts 16:1–3)
- B. Paul and elders lay hands on him
 - 1. 1 Timothy 4:14
 - 2. 2 Timothy 1:6
- C. Accompanied by prophecy (1 Tim. 4:14)
- D. Effect on Timothy's life (1 Tim. 1:18)

V. Dangers And Safeguards

- A. Dangers (1 Tim. 5:22)
 - 1. Endorsing someone unfit or unworthy
 - 2. Spiritual “contamination”
- B. Safeguards
 - 1. With prayer and humility
 - 2. Be directed by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:14)
 - 3. Be protected by the blood of Jesus (Heb. 13:12)
 - 4. Empowered against evil forces (Luke 10:19)