

Is God Using Your Hands?

By Don Krow

(Discipleship Lesson)

..... Read the entire lesson and then answer the questions that follow.

"Laying on of hands" is a foundational doctrine of Scripture in which one person lays their hands upon another person in view of some definite spiritual purpose (Heb. 6:2). These spiritual purposes include the impartation of spiritual blessings, the transfer of spiritual authority, healing the sick, helping others receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, impartation of spiritual gifts, the sending out of Christian missionaries, and the appointment of Christian leadership in local congregations. These are the supporting scriptures:

Genesis 48:14 "And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands willingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn," **Numbers 27:18-20** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; [19] And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. [20] And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient." **Deuteronomy 34:9** "And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses." **Mark 16:15-20** "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. [16] He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. [17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. [19] So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. [20] And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." **Acts 6:5-6** "And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: [6] Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them." **Acts 8:18** "And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money." **Acts 9:17** "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost." **Acts 13:1-4** "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. [2] As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. [3] And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. [4] So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus." **Romans 1:11-12** "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; [12] That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith

both of you and me." **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." And **2 Timothy 1:6-7** "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. [7] For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Is God using your hands for His purposes?

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(Discipleship Questions)

Answer the following by reading the corresponding discipleship lesson
and using your Bible.

1. List the seven spiritual purposes for the laying on of hands.

2. Read Numbers 27:18-20 (NIV). "So the LORD said to Moses, 'Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit,* and lay your hand on him. [19] Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. [20] Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him.'" What two things did Moses do when he put his hands upon Joshua?

3. Read Deuteronomy 34:9. "And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses." What was the result of Moses putting his hands upon Joshua?

4. Read Mark 16:17-18. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." How did Jesus direct His followers to heal the sick?

5. Read Acts 9:17-18. "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. [18] And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized." What two things happened when Ananias put his hands on Saul?

6. Read Acts 8:14-17. "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: [15] Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: [16] (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) [17] Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." When Peter and John came to Samaria what two things did they do to help these believers receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? (verses 15, 17).

7. Read Acts 19:6. "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." When Paul laid his hands on believers at Ephesus, what three things happened to them? _____

8. Read 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." When a prophetic message (prophecy) and the elders (presbytery) laid hands on Timothy, what was imparted to him? _____

9. Read Acts 19:11-12. "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: [12] So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." What happened when Paul placed his hands on people? _____

10. Read Hebrews 6:1-2. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, [2] Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment." Before you build a house you have to lay a foundation. What are the six foundational doctrines of a Christian's life (also called the doctrine of Christ)? _____

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Do not look at the answer key until you have completed the questions.
Check your answers with the following answers.

1. List the seven spiritual purposes for the laying on of hands.
Impartation of spiritual blessings.
The transfer of spiritual authority.
Healing of the sick.
Helping others receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
Impartation of spiritual gifts.
Sending out of Christian missionaries.
The appointment of Christian leadership in local congregations.
2. Read Numbers 27:18-20 (NIV). What two things did Moses do when he put his hands upon Joshua?
He commissioned him.
He gave him some of his own authority.
3. Read Deuteronomy 34:9. What was the result of Moses putting his hands upon Joshua?
He became full of the spirit of wisdom.
4. Read Mark 16:17-18. How did Jesus direct His followers to heal the sick?
By laying hands on the sick, so that the sick could recover.
5. Read Acts 9:17-18. What two things happened when Ananias put his hands on Saul?
He received his sight; that is, he received healing for his eyes.
And he was filled with the Holy Spirit.
6. Read Acts 8:14-17. When Peter and John came to Samaria what two things did they do to help these believers receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? (verses 15, 17).
They prayed for them.
They laid their hands on them.
7. Read Acts 19:6. When Paul laid his hands on believers at Ephesus, what three things happened to them?
They received the Holy Ghost (He came on them).
They spoke with tongues.
They prophesied (that is, spoke words that the Holy Spirit gave them).
8. Read 1 Timothy 4:14. When a prophetic message (prophecy) and the elders (presbytery) laid hands on Timothy, what was imparted to him?
A spiritual gift.

9. Read Acts 19:11-12. What happened when Paul placed his hands on people?
Special miracles took place.
10. Read Hebrews 6:1-2. Before you build a house you have to lay a foundation. What are the six foundational doctrines of a Christian's life (also called the doctrine of Christ)?
Repentance from dead works
Faith towards God
The doctrine of baptisms
Laying on of hands
Resurrection of the dead
Eternal judgment

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