

Laying on of Hands for Healing

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Your Ministry Credentials

Col.1:12 – You are Qualified

Trusting Jesus

- We don't need to be perfect, but must trust in what Jesus has done
- We all ministering from a position of need but your belief is important
 - It is not Hypocrisy
 - It is Presumption – if you think you are special and have the power
 - It is Faith – it's God's love and grace

Ways You Are Called to Minister

- Reaching out to non-believers
 - Sharing your testimonies and experiences - What and how God has set you free –
 - Prepare for short and long testimonies
 - Sharing that God loves them
 - Helping them to demonstrate the love of God
- Helping or Sponsoring new believers
- Encouraging believers
- Pray for and with people

How to Use the Laying on of Hands to Minister

Use Wisdom

- Laying on of hands is an act accompanied by prayer and/or prophetic utterance and must always be based on faith
- You don't need to lay hands on everybody
 - **1Tim.5:22** – Don't be quick to lay hands on people
 - Prepare them to receive by helping their faith
 - Do not pray with them or bless them for the wrong things
 - When appointing or sending someone

The 5 Purposes

Blessing – **Mk.10:14-16**

- Practiced also in the OT –
- Parents blessing children

Ministering Healing – Ordinance

- **Mk.16:17-18** – Believers praying in the name of Jesus for non-believers
 - Part of the great commission – **Mk.16:20**
- **Jam.5:14-15** – For sick believers – Anyone among you first seek healing from God
 - You call the elders – Must be part of the church
 - They will pray over you in the name of the Lord, anointing with oil
 - The oil has no special healing power, but it is a symbol of the Holy Spirit
 - **Rom.8:11** – It is the Holy Spirit that gives life to the mortal body
 - Anointing with oil used by the Catholic Church in preparation for death (Extreme Unction or Last Rite) is a distortion of the true ordinance
- Both ordinances are effective through faith
- How Healing Comes
 - **1Cor.12:6** – Diversity of operations (channels through which the gift of healings works)
 - Sometimes there is a feeling
 - Other times no feeling, only faith and obedience
 - Different length of time for the healing process (instantly or gradually) For gradual healing the person must exercise active faith until completion
 - Sometimes just partial or complete initial deliverance but then lost because the person did not continue to exercise active faith

- **How to exercise active faith**
 - **Thanking God continually for the measure of faith already received**
 - **Maintaining a consistent testimony of faith in the truth of God's Word, even in the face of negative symptoms**
 - **When symptoms persist, you should not pretend that they are not there. You must acknowledge the symptoms but focus on the Word. You can say, *"I recognize that I still have symptoms, but I believe that God's healing is working in my body and I trust Him to complete my healing because He is faithful."***
- **Importance to give scriptural instructions in advance about holding active faith**

Questions to Consider

1. **Who is called to minister? How can we know?**
2. **How do you feel about ministering to others?**
3. **How do we qualify for ministry?**
4. **Please explain what is your experience in ministry?**
5. **When should we use laying on of hands for healing?**
6. **How does laying on of hands work for healing?**
7. **What is active faith?**
8. **Why is laying on of hands only a part of ministering healing? What are the other parts?**