

## ***Laying on of hands & Confirmation***



### **172) What is impartation?**

- A. The word "impart" means "to give over; to share."
- B. Impartation is a spiritual transfer. It is when God pours spiritual revelation, understanding, insight, blessing, gifts, encouragement, or strength into us.
  - 1. We can receive impartation directly from God or He may choose to use a human vessel.
- C. Impartation cannot be understood at the physical or mental level, because it is a spiritual operation.

"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."

JOHN 6:63 NIV

"I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong - [12] that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."

ROM 1:11-12 NIV

### **173) Is all spiritual impartation good?**

- A. No. Just as the Holy Spirit can impart into our lives through clean vessels (godly men and women), Satan can impart into our lives through unclean vessels.
- B. The enemy would desire to impart fear, doubt, hate, ungodliness, discouragement, or condemnation into our lives.

"For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough."

2COR 11:4 NIV

"Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. [17] Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,"

2TIM 2:16-17 NIV

## 174) What is necessary for impartation to take place?

- A. There must be a giving and a receiving. The old proverb says, "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." When God desires to impart to us, we must be open to receive from Him.
- B. Likewise, Satan can't impart evil to us unless we open ourselves to it.
  - 1. One way we open ourselves to Satan's influence is to allow unresolved sin to linger in our life.

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' [6] If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you."

LUKE 10:5-6 NIV

"For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me."

JOHN 17:8 NIV

## 175) How is impartation accomplished in our lives?

- A. Impartation, that spiritual transfer, can take place in many different ways.
  - 1. **Through close association.**
    - a. Impartation can take place through close association with another person. You will become like the person you spend a lot of time with.
      - (1) Joshua served Moses and was chosen to lead Israel after Moses' death.
      - (2) Elisha poured water on Elijah's hands and inherited his mantle of ministry.
      - (3) Jesus spent many hours training the disciples and when Jesus left the earth, He entrusted the church into their care.

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers."

PSA 1:1 NIV

"He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm."

PRO 13:20 NIV

"Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses."

DEU 34:9 NIV

"But Jehoshaphat asked, 'Is there no prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of the LORD through him?' An officer of the king of Israel answered, 'Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah.' [12] Jehoshaphat said, 'The word of the LORD is with him.'" So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him."

2KINGS 3:11-12 NIV

- 2. **Through fellowship**
  - a. Those you regularly fellowship with influence you.

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit."

LUKE 1:41 NIV

"Do not be misled: **Bad company corrupts good character.**"

1COR 15:33 NIV

"It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife. [2] **And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this?** ... [6] **Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough?** [7] **Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast - as you really are.** For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ... [9] I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people - [10] not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. [11] But now **I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.**"

1COR 5:1-2, 6-7, 9-11 NIV

"Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. [17] Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,"

2TIM 2:16-17 NIV

3. **Through the laying on of hands**

- a. Many different spiritual benefits such as gifting, healings, and blessings can be imparted through the laying on of hands.
- b. Who you are in God can be imparted to other people through the laying on of hands.
  - (1) If you desire a prophet's ministry, ask a prophet to lay hands on you.

"When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money"

ACT 8:18 NIV

"Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message **when the body of elders laid their hands on you.**"

1TIM 4:14 NIV

"Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure."

1TIM 5:22 NIV

4. **Through prophecy**

- a. A spoken word of prophecy and prophetic words (words born of God) can impart life.

"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."

JOHN 6:63 NIV

"Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you."

1TIM 4:14 NIV

5. **Through a corporate anointing**

- a. Worship stirs the corporate anointing. God will often speak to, heal or empower us in times of worship.

"After that you (King Saul) will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, tambourines, flutes and harps being played before them, and they will be prophesying. [6] The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person."

1SAM 10:5-6 NIV

6. **Through anointed articles**

- a. Objects can carry an anointing of the person closely associated with them and can impart to others.

"Elisha died and was buried. Now Moabite raiders used to enter the country every spring. [21] Once while some Israelites were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of raiders; so they threw the man's body into Elisha's tomb. When the body touched Elisha's bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet."

2KINGS 13:20-21 NIV

"And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. [26] She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. [27] When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, [28] because she thought, 'If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.' [29] Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. [30] At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, 'Who touched my clothes?' [31] 'You see the people crowding against you,' his disciples answered, 'and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" [32] But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. [33] Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. [34] He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.'"

MARK 5:25-34 NIV

"As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by."

ACT 5:15 NIV

"God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, [12] so that even handkerchiefs and

aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them."

ACT 19:11-12 NIV

7. **Through breath**

- a. The word translated spirit in both the OT & NT comes from the word for "breath or wind."

"And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

JOHN 20:22 NIV

- b. The word "breathed" in this verse means "to blow at or on."

**176) Why must we be careful about who ministers to us?**

- A. When you open yourself to receive ministry, you will receive whatever the minister has to offer in the spirit realm. If they are godly men or women, their impartation to you will be pure. If they carry an impure spirit you could be in danger of being contaminated with that spirit.
- B. If someone you don't know wants to minister to you and they leave you feeling uneasy in your spirit, politely decline.

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;"

1THESS 5:12 KJV

"Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols."

REV 2:20 NIV

**177) What is the fourth foundation stone?**

- A. Laying on of hands.

"instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment."

HEB 6:2 NIV

**178) What is the Laying on of Hands?**

- A. It is when men or women of God place their hands on someone with the express purpose of imparting some spiritual gift, healing, blessing, or virtue to them.

"Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." [7] Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. [8] He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God."

ACTS 3:6-8 NIV

"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the

people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.)"  
ACTS 5:12 KJV

## 179) When is the Laying on of Hands used?

### A. In the Old Testament:

1. When animal sacrifices were offered.
  - a. The person laid their hands on the animal before it was sacrificed. By this act, the person identified himself with the sacrifice, realizing that his sin made the death of the animal necessary.

"He is to lay his hand on the head of his offering and slaughter it in front of the Tent of Meeting. Then Aaron's sons shall sprinkle its blood against the altar on all sides."  
LEV 3:8 NIV

2. When blessing was given.

"But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn."

GEN 48:14 NIV

3. When men were ordained.

"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. [21] He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the LORD. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.' [22] Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. [23] Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses."

NUM 27:18-23 NIV

4. When judgement was passed.

"Take the blasphemer outside the camp. All those who heard him are to lay their hands on his head, and the entire assembly is to stone him."

LEV 24:14 NIV

- a. The laying on of hands was a form of witnessing against the blasphemer. (If you had not heard the blasphemer, you would certainly hesitate to lay hands on him.)

### B. In the New Testament:

1. For healing.

"When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of

sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them."

LUKE 4:40 NIV

"His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him."

ACT 28:8 NIV

"And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; [18] they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

MARK 16:17-18 NIV

2. For receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit as well as the other gifts of the spirit.

"Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. [18] When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money [19] and said, 'Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.' [20] Peter answered: 'May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!'"

ACT 8:17-20 NIV

"When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied."

ACT 19:6 NIV

3. For prophetic Presbytery and ordination.

"Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you."

1TIM 4:14 NIV

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

2TIM 1:6 NIV

4. For blessing.

"And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."

MARK 10:16 NIV

## 180) What is ordination?

- A. It is when a man or woman's gift is recognized by the church leadership and they are raised to a ministry office.

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, [12] to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up"

EPH 4:11-12 NIV

"Paul and Barnabas appointed (ordained, KJV) elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust."

ACT 14:23 NIV

### 181) When is a person ordained?

- A. A person is ordained only after they have demonstrated ministry gifts operating in their lives.
  - 1. A person is not ordained in the hope God will gift them, nor is ordination a reward for years of faithful service.
- B. Any candidate for ordination must be of high moral character, because the office they assume will allow them to impart their spirit to others.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

1PETER 4:10 NIV

"Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, [3] not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. [4] He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. [5] (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) [6] He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. [7] He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap."

1TIM 3:2-7 NIV

### 182) What is confirmation?

- A. Confirmation is a spiritual ceremony where the ministry lays hands on the saints for the purpose of settling, strengthening and establishing their faith in Jesus Christ.
- B. There may be, as part of the confirmation, a prophetic word spoken over your life or a spiritual gift imparted.

"And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them."

ACT 15:32 KJV

"We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, [3] so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them."

1THESS 3:2-3 NIV

"So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have."

2PETER 1:12 NIV

"Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you."

1TIM 4:14 NIV



**183) What is confirmed in a Christian's life?**

- A. The only things that can be confirmed is the spiritual works that have taken place in our lives. If we have not allowed God to do the work in us, it can't be confirmed by the ministry.

**184) Why is confirmation important in a Christian's life?**

- A. When a person is born again, he receives the word of life, but he also becomes involved in a spiritual warfare. The word of God alone doesn't make you strong. Many people hear the same life-giving word, but become disinterested or preoccupied and slowly abandon their new found faith.

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: [19] When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. [20] The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. [21] But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. [22] The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. [23] But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

MATT 13:18-23 NIV

- B. The confirming of those truths (such as the foundation stones of our faith) we have systematically studied and experienced brings a settling and strengthening to our lives which helps us stand when others fall.

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1COR 15:58 NIV

"Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured."

COL 4:12 NIV

"So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."

2THESS 2:15 NIV

- C. The laying on of hands of mature ministry imparts their strength and ability to those who open their heart to receive it.

"For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is. [6] So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, [7] rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

COL 2:5-7 NIV

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. [13] May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones."

1THESS 3:12-13 NIV

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, [17] encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

2THESS 2:16-17 NIV

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."

1PETER 5:10 NIV