

I'm still not clear in my own thinking of exactly where I stand on impartation.

Paul tells timothy that Gifts can be imparted and stirred up. Callings can be confirmed before the people by the laying on of hands of elders and presbytery. God alone calls men to Pastor or to be a Prophet and such. As I said to Aquilla Nash – who has a proven tract record of ministering in the Office of Prophet(ess) – who has laid hands on me many times. (I worked for her for eight years.) I have conducted meetings under the auspices and in the name of The Kathryn Kuhlman Foundation with Ruth Fisher. Ruth Fisher and Maryon Marsh (Ruth's sister who was Miss Kuhlman's private secretary and right hand for 26 years) have laid hands on me repeatedly. Jerry B. Walker – the world famous healing evangelist has laid hands on me. R. W. Schambach has laid hands on me. Benny Hinn has laid hands on me. I have oversight of Jerry B.'s worldly possessions and am in charge of his ministry. Charles and Frances Hunter have laid hands on me as I worked with them in the healing services. Marilyn Hickey has laid hands on me and prophesied over me when I have played for her – and I could go on for some time naming people who have prophesied over me or laid hands on me – Howard Conatser, Norvell Hayes, Kenneth Hagin, Kenneth Copeland's Mother, Vanetta, Rodney Howard-Browne – you get the idea. With all that I – if impartation is literally as many are teaching it today – I should be able to “blow up planets!”

What is impartation. The greek Word means “give.” GK metadidomi { met-ad-id'-o-mee}

The word is used 5 times

Luke 3:11 give your coat

Roman 1:11 impart spiritual gift

Romans 12:8 he that giveth ... with simplicity

Eph 4:28, steal no more but labor to give to him who needeth

1 Thess 2:8 impart not only the Gospel but of our own soul (life, heart)

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

¹⁰ Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. ¹¹ ***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.

Purpose: “that you might be established.”

Acts 1:8, power to be witnesses!

God's power is never poured out promiscuously – God always has a purpose. To establish believers – to witness to the Lost! To seek a “thrill” is mis-use of the Holy Spirit's power!! Period!

How is it done? Usually by the laying on of hands. Heb 6:2 (doctrine of laying on of hands)

The Hand -- Called by Galen "the instrument of instruments." It is the symbol of human action —Easton's Illustrated Dictionary

What exactly may be imparted?

Successor - Numbers 27:15-23 (please note this was at God's direct instruction and not something Moses decided to do on his own)

¹⁵ And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying, ¹⁶ Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, ¹⁷ Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd. ¹⁸ 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. ²¹ And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask *counsel* for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. ²² And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: ²³ And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

Office of Deacon or Elder may be confirmed

Acts 6:5, ⁵ 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
(Notice v 8, ⁸ And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people)

Cannot call or set in the body 5 fold ministry

Eph 4:11 – HE SETS ¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Romans 1:1, Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called (to be) an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.

Men Baptized with the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands

Acts 8:17

¹⁷ Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:6

⁶ And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Send Forth Missionaries

Acts 13:1, ¹ 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.

Spiritual Gifts given

1 Tim 4:14, 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. ¹⁵

2 Tim 1:6, 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.

Be careful whom you lay hands upon

1 Tim 5:23

²² Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

Can laying on of hands transfer demons? Or impart sinful Characteristics?

There is no record in scripture of which I am aware of such an instance however the scripture clearly say,

James 4:7

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Rom 6:16

¹⁶ Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Ordination

Acts 14:24, ²³ And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

As we noticed previous – God calls. Ordination recognizes officially - that call of God before the congregation – as Moses did with Joshua. God’s spirit was already in the man. Spiritual Gifts can be imparted and stirred up as when Paul ordained Timothy – who later ordained men himself 1 Tim 5:21-22, ²¹ I charge *thee* before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. ²² Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

Impartation does not seem to impart a “mantle” of anointing

Elijah and Elisha are a successor as was Moses and Joshua

2 Kings Chapter 2 tells the story.

Here Elisha, in my understanding is asking for the “portion that belongs to the firstborn son.”

Numbers 3:13 – God claims the firstborn for his own

Deut 21:17 – double portion, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he *is* the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn *is* his.

Was Elisha asking for the portion that you and I have as Heirs and Joint-Heirs (Romans 8:17) with Christ Jesus rather than simply asking for double Elijah's mantle. True he did twice as many miracles as Elisha – more than any man in the Bible except Christ.

Saul and the Prophets

1 Sam 10:11, ¹¹ And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one ^d t o another, What *is* this *that* is come unto the son of Kish? *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

This seems to be a “sharing of the burden” in ministry – to work with a one called of God so as to be in one mind and one accord.

Numbers 11:16, ¹⁶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. ¹⁷ And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone.

Some years ago, I was privileged to stay at length in the home of Collins and Lois Steele (Oral Robert's longtime associates). Talking about similar things with Collins, he said, “I could probably name you at least fifty men over the thirty plus years I worked with Oral – these were average Christians who came to work for the ministry – and suddenly found miraculous healings occurred when they prayed. At the first perceived offense or hardship in the ministry they obviously felt, “I can do the same things Oral does. God works through me just as He does through Oral!” And the promptly went out and began conducting their own healing services. And you've never heard of a one of them. The ministries faltered.”

Why? They had come “under” the umbrella of Oral Robert's anointing and gift – so they could work in one heart – one mind – and one accord as the Lord did with the seventy elders and Moses – to share the burden of the ministry. These men did not pay the price in their own lives for the anointing of the Holy Spirit – they were “hitch hiking” on Oral's giftings and anointing. When they left his ministry the power of God lifted from them.

I believe they could have had their own anointing and giftings had they been willing to pay the price of fasting, praying, holy living, study of the Word, walking out the will of God for their lives. As Miss Kuhlman said, “God will do these same miracles through anyone who'll pay the price and yield themselves to Him. It costs much – but it's worth the price!”

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