



INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

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Laying Hands On Your Children

Part of a chapter from my upcoming book on Blessings and Curses

Here are 7 ways to bless your children: 1. Speak unusual encouragement over them. 2. Provide goods and services such as financial resources and special skill training. 3. Help them find godly education, business and ministry opportunities. 4. Lay your hands on them and speak faith-filled prayers and blessings. 5. Be an outstanding godly example. 6. Provide a spiritual and stable home environment. 7. Remove bad baggage from your life such as generational curses, negative conversation and ungodly habits. Get ready to pass on to your children a spiritual inheritance, a good name and a great foundation. Set them up to fulfill their destiny.

Let us look at number 4. It is about laying hands on our children with faith-filled prayers and blessings. The laying on of hands is one of the 6 foundational doctrines of the church.

*“Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on ... the foundation of repentance ... faith in God ... baptisms, **the laying on of hands**, the resurrection ... and eternal judgment.” Heb. 6:1-3*

Here are 6 foundational teachings about Christ. The first 3 involve our coming into relationship with Him; they are; repentance, faith and water baptism. The last 2 involve what happens after we die; they are resurrection and eternal judgment. The doctrine in the middle involves our lives between salvation and death; it is called, **“the laying on of hands.”** This tells us that God releases His blessings through human hands.

God can do anything without people, but He chooses to involve us. We are called to distribute His blessings and this requires faith and obedience. Once those are in place, a person’s hands can become holy conductors; they can be like the hands of God.

When a person is given authority they may release

blessings upon those who are under their government or ministry. We discover in the Bible, that through the laying on of human hands, God anointed priests, commissioned preachers and ministers, ordained kings, healed the sick, cast out demons, released supernatural gifts and imparted blessings to the next generation.

That is what laying hands on our children is all about. God will not ignore a child’s freewill but He has put laws in place that cannot be denied. He will visit children when parents and grandparents pronounce blessings over them through the laying on of hands. Even for rebellious children, God will release an irresistible pressure. Parents and grandparents must learn to bless and not curse. The blessings of God that are transmitted through the laying on of hands will widen the door of God’s power and help the most difficult children.

No person receives God’s special blessings unless someone prays for them. Even when we do not know a person, God can lead us to pray for them. I think of the time I saw a young lady’s face in one of my dreams. She had olive skin, a small mole on her right cheek and long, jet black hair. She was about 21 years old and I think she was of Spanish descent. Her face was presented to me in a picture frame. I do not know

her name nor her story, but the presentation of her face in my dream stayed for about a minute.

When I woke I prayed for the young lady's salvation and for the blessings of God to come to her. Her face was indelibly printed on my mind. I prayed for this nameless person many times over the next year. For the next couple of years I kept my eyes open in case I might meet her and discover her story, but I did not. I think I will meet her in heaven and she will thank me for agreeing with God for her salvation. It was a joy to partner with God on her behalf.

Parents and grandparents have a God-given ministry assignment for their children. Combined with target prayer, a parent has been commissioned to lay their hands on their children to release God's blessings. This should be done on a regular basis and also on special occasions. It should be done at times of transition throughout a child's life.

A parent should lay their hands on the head of their child and say; "My son, (or daughter) today I release God's blessings upon your life. May you receive angelic protection, favor from those around you, success with whatever you put your hand to, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit to teach and train you. I speak open doors for God's favor to go before you. I speak these words over your life in faith, in the name of Jesus."

You may be given a prophetic word. Be very sure that it is from God and not just wishful thinking, then speak it over your child.

There is great power in the hands and words of parents and grandparents. God has given them spiritual government over their children. If curses are passed on, (Ex. 20:4) then so are blessings. Many grandparents have learned to lay their hands on their grandchildren and release God's power. Most grandchildren will let grandparents bless them, for grandparents are often gentle and that is endearing for children of any age.

The "hands-on-anointing" is especially powerful when it is released through a father because a father carries a special place of authority. Isaac had twin sons; Esau and Jacob. Isaac was old and blind and the time came to release his inheritance blessings to his sons. Esau was born before Jacob and was entitled to the greater blessing. Rebekah, Jacob's mother, wanted Jacob to have the blessing because he was godly and Esau was rebellious. She convinced Jacob to pretend that he was Esau. Jacob went to his father acting as though he was Esau and received the primary blessing.

"Jacob said ... "I am Esau Give me your blessing." Ex. 27:19

"He blessed him and said, ... May God give you of heaven's dew and of

earth's riches – an abundance of grain and new wine. May nations serve you and people bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers ... May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed." Ex. 27: 27-29

Esau came to receive his father's blessings but the father had already given them to Jacob; they could not be reversed.

"After Isaac finished blessing ... Jacob ... his brother Esau came ... Isaac trembled ... "Who was it, then, that hunted game ... I ate it ... and I blessed him - and indeed he is blessed! ... Your brother ... took your blessings." Ex. 27:30-35

Jacob's methods were wrong but we still see the power of a father's blessing. When a godly father lays his hands on his child and blesses them, that child is blessed by God.

Like the prophets and ministers of the Bible who laid their hands on the heads of men and women to bless, release, heal, ordain and anoint; lay your hands on the heads of your sons and daughters and release God's purpose and blessings on them. This act must be done in partnership with God so pray carefully so that you will hear from Him. Be led by the Holy Spirit, stretch forth your hand, speak God's words and activate eternal things over the lives of your children. **A Ω**



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