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**“OF THE
LAYING ON
OF HANDS”**

Hebrews 6:2

THE ACT OF THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

It is a symbolic gesture.

- The Offerings Given to the Lord – **Leviticus 3:1-2; 4:4**
- The Bestowal of a Blessing – **Genesis 48:14-15**
- The Consecration of Individuals to a Work – **Numbers 8:10-15; 27:15-23; Acts 13:1-3**
- The Miraculous Healing of People – **Mark 6:5; Acts 9:12, 17; 28:8**
- The Imparting of Spiritual Gifts – **Acts 8:14-17; 19:5-7; Romans 1:11-12**

WHAT SIMON SAW, AND ITS PLACE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Case in Samaria (*Acts 8*)

- Philip preached, and many believed – (*vv. 5-8, 13*)
- News reached Jerusalem, sent Peter and John to give the Holy Spirit – (*vv. 14-17*)
- Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands – (*vv. 18-19*)
- Implications – urgency, exclusivity.

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The Remote Context

- Urgency explained in infancy of the church – **1 Corinthians 13:8-12**
 - For edification – **1 Corinthians 14:1-4, 12**
 - In Acts – **Acts 6:8; 8:4-8; 11:27; 13:1; 15:12, 32; 21:9-14**
- Exclusivity leads to the necessary conclusion that spiritual gifts have ceased – **Acts 8:18; 1 Corinthians 13:10-11**

THE DETERMINATION IN CONTEXT

- **Hebrews 6:2** – for the imparting of spiritual gifts.
- **Acts 6:6** – 7 appointed to the daily distribution.
- **1 Timothy 5:22** – warning about hastiness in church discipline concerning elders.
- **1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6** – Timothy's gift (Spiritual? Ministry/ability?)



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