

Today, we'd like to see the title of “Putting on of Hands” in the book of 2 Timothy 1:1-7.

To Online Word's people on the earth, we'd like to suggest 3 Questions.

Q1. In verse 1, “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,” what does “the promise of life” mean?

Q2. In verse 6, “Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands,” what do the phrases of “stir up the gift of God” and “laying on of my hands” mean? And what can we apply them to our life?

Q3. In verse 7, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind,” what are a spirit of power, of love, and of a sound mind? And especially who need those divine characteristics?

(Background)

After the 2nd & 3rd missionary journeys, Paul charged Timothy the young minister to teach the solid doctrine to Ephesus church which had the problem of false doctrines when Paul went into the 4th missionary journey to Rome in light of *1 Timothy 1:3-4*, “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, ⁴ nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.”

Paul's 1st imprisonment

After the 4th missionary journey into Rome, Paul was placed on house arrest for 2 years before his hearing of Nero Emperor court in Acts 28:16, 23, 30-31, “¹⁶ Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him. ²³ So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at *his* lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. ³⁰ Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, ³¹ preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.”

False Doctrine (news in a newspaper)

Preachers were promising the people that if you will just give to God, God will pay all your bills—this kind of foolishness! And that is painful because they as the servants of God misrepresented God as a beggar or solicitor. The truth is God isn't broke, but God

the creator is the owner of all the earth. Nobody can own anything beyond own life. God doesn't need that money. And to use all kinds of gimmicks to solicit funds from people is absolutely wrong! Your donations to God are all about your heart to love God in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Paul's 2nd Imprisonment

Paul's 2nd letter to Timothy – Paul was waiting in a dungeon prison for the execution of the death penalty sentenced by Nero the Roman Emperor who charged the fire of Rome to Christians in AD 66 in light of 2 Timothy 4:6-8 "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." The death penalty was sentenced because Paul believed and alleged that God rules any states including Rome Empire state in light of Ephesians 1:22-23, "And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all," constituting the violation of Roman security law in which the Rome state rules over the church (e.g., the security law of North Korea, of China, or of Iran.) Today many states like U.S. adopt the separation between state and church in favor of mutual exclusion, resulting in secularism.

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, a beloved son:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day,

1 = Q1 an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God (falsely accused not an apostle of Jesus ¹ 1 Cor 9:2; Gal 1:1); the promise of life (the promise of eternal life ² Revelation 2:8-11)

2= Timothy, a beloved son (in the Spirit, not biological son); Grace, mercy, and peace (Paul's typical greeting words to teaching ministers ³ Titus 1:4; grace & peace to other saints ⁴ 1 Cor 1:3)

3= a pure conscience (motive for ransom Jesus love, not for salary ⁵ 1 Peter 5:2); without ceasing... in my prayers night and day (Paul was a man of prayer, even in a Roman dungeon because prayer is not limited to location but travels and works for God around the world)

¹ 1 Cor 9:2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. Gal 1:1 Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),

² Revelation 2:8-11 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: ⁹ "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."

³ Titus 1:4 To Titus, a true son in our common faith :Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

⁴ 1 Cor 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵ 1 Peter 5:2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

<p>⁴ greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of <u>your tears</u>, that I may be filled with joy,</p> <p>⁵ when I call to remembrance <u>the genuine faith</u> that is in you, which dwelt first in <u>your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice</u>, and I am persuaded is in you also.</p> <p>⁶ Therefore I remind you to <u>stir up the gift of God</u> which is in you through <u>the laying on of my hands</u>.</p>	<p>4= your tears (we are not sure of Timothy's tears in the Paul's 2nd imprisonment but the tears show the depth of their relationship in His love); filled with joy.</p> <p>5= the genuine faith [unfeigned faith] (pure faith not contaminated with any falsity); your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice (earlier converters, likely in Lystra Timothy's hometown in Paul's 2nd missionary journey ⁶Acts 16:1)</p> <p>6=Q2 stir up the gift of God (Paul's 2nd time exhortation: flame the gift of God – to teach solid doctrine – Timothy as a young teaching minister likely was discouraged to teach in Ephesus church ⁷1 Tim 4:14-16); the laying on of my hands (1. Paul is an instrument of God; Timothy is an instrument of God; Paul is a co-minister of Timothy; That's Ordaining Process -- God through Paul the instrument of God ordains Timothy the instrument of God to teach solid doctrine in ⁸Acts 13:2-3 Here, the laying on of their hands in Antioch church upon Barnabas & Paul to be sent out into Cyprus. NOTE the success to activate the active faith is dependent upon the Holy Spirit's saying through fervent prayers (here fasting prayer); 2. Point of Contact to activate/release Paul's faith (active faith – God is going to do now, rather than God is going to do in His time and His way (most passive faith) e.g. Here are several examples (1) (2) (3) & (4)))</p>
<p>(1)The woman with the flow of blood with her faith touched the border of Jesus' garment immediately was healed in <i>Luke 8:47-48</i>⁹; Now, she had set a point of contact for the releasing of faith. In her mind that she had set this point, I know if I can just but touch, even the border of His garment, that's all I need. That I'll be healed if I can just touch Him. That became a point of contact for the releasing of her faith, so that when she touched, immediately the flow of blood stopped. She released the faith. I'll believe He'll stop it now, the minute I touch! And faith was released/activated and she was healed. (2) Sick people who passed by the shadow of Peter, with faith, were healed in <i>Acts 5:15-16</i>¹⁰; Not that there was anything spiritual or dynamic in Peter's shadow, but it gave a point of contact for the releasing of faith. So as Peter would walk down the street, they would take a look, find out where the sun was, find out where the shadows were falling, and set their friends so, you know, the shadow of Peter would fall on them. As it did—ooh, yes. They released faith</p>	

⁶ Acts 16:1 Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek.

⁷ 1 Tim 4:14-16 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. ¹⁵ Meditate on these things: give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. ¹⁶ Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

⁸ Acts 13:2-3 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away."

⁹ Luke 8:47-48 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. ⁴⁸ And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

¹⁰ Acts 5:15-16 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed."

<p>and were healed. (3) A certain man with an infirmity for 38 years had faith to step in the pool of Bethesda first and to be healed in <i>John 5:2-5</i>¹¹; Because their faith was set to be activated by the troubling of the water. I just have to be the first one in! There was that feeling and because it was a place of the releasing of faith, the first one in would be healed. But Jesus asked him "Do you want to be made well?" without a question of his faith in <i>John 5:7-9</i>; (4) With Paul, they would take his handkerchiefs or aprons and place them on sick people and they would be healed in <i>Acts 19:11-12</i>¹²; Again, <u>a point of contact</u>.</p>	
<p>⁷ For God has not given us <u>a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.</u></p>	<p>7=Q3 not a spirit of fear (of any creatures except holy fear or reverend to God); of power, of love, and of sound mind (sound mind from sound doctrine, which is gospel ¹³<i>2Tim1: 8</i>; divine characteristics needed for teaching ministers)</p>

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¹¹ *John 5:2-5*"Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. ³In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. ⁵Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years." *John 5:7-9*"The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."⁸ Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." ⁹And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked."

¹² *Acts 19:11-12*" Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹²so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them."

¹³ *2Tim:1-8*Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,