

evidence that is in his heart that Christ has made him a minister. But he is not made a minister by anyone laying his hands on him. And yet it is a fact that in all churches, hands are ~~in~~ laid upon people, and it is thought that there is at least a representation of the fact that God's power, that God is setting this man apart for a certain function, because of the hands being laid upon him. We don't feel that we can impart a ~~gift~~ gift to the man, by laying our hands upon ~~him~~ him. Maybe there are some churches that do feel that way. The ~~apostolic~~ apostolic succession, that a gift is imparted to the man through the hands. But at least we feel that we demonstrate the fact of it, by the laying on of hands.

(question) I want to ask the question, Timothy's power, Timothy's gift, how did he get it? Did some prelate, some bishop, some official lay his hands on him and say I ordain you to be a leader and therefore Timothy gets the power. Or did a group of men lay their hands on Timothy and if we can get a final and conclusive ~~an~~ answer to this question, why do we need to discuss what is God's will as to church govt. Surely it will ~~settles~~ settle the matter. Don't you think. II Tim. 1:6 makes a very clear statement. Wherefore, I put thee in remembrance that thou ~~stir~~ stir up the gift of God which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. Now there is the proof, is it not, that Timothy received his power, not because any group of men put their hands on him, not because any congregation has or any group of elders, ~~or~~ or anything like that, but because the next one up in the hierarchy, the higher officials have put his hands on him. Paul is the bishop ~~or~~ under Peter the Pope, and Paul put his hands on Timothy and Timothy receives it, just as Paul had received it through having Peter's hands laid on him. Well, now that fits with that doesn't it. Yes. I Timothy 4:14, what does it say? He says, neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy by the laying on of the hands of the presbyters. That is what the King James Version says, made by a group of ministers, and issued under that saint, King James. The laying on of the hands of the presbytery. The laying on of my hands...there if ~~you~~ you ever looked for a contradiction in the Bible, that ~~it~~ comes about as