

close to it as anything ever did. The gift came through the laying on of Paul's hands, the gift came through the laying on ~~o~~ of the hands of the presbytery.  
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But on the assumption that he is giving us an example for all subsequent ages, the hierarchical system is proved..the laying on of his hands. On the other ~~hand~~ hand, the laying on of the hand of the presbytery is equally stated. I think this is a striking example of the fact that God has not given us full explanation of the form of govt. used in the time of the apostles. He has given us some very definite things, but there are a good many questions which he has ~~left~~ left for us to not be able to say ~~that~~ that we have a definite word about it. ~~Now~~

Now, we have to try to reconcile these two statements. And I must say, for those who say that the presbytery is the right one to lay the hands on it is much easy to reconcile the ~~statements~~ statements, than for those who say the bishop. For if the bishop lays it on, how can you explain the fact ~~that~~ that Paul says, ~~is~~ it was the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. How can you explain. But if it is the presbytery that lays hands upon him, was Paul a part of the presbytery, then. But was Paul an apostle doing certain things which would not be passed on to subsequent days. What is the explanation. <sup>1</sup>At any rate, you have a problem. And I think it is an outstanding instance of the fact that some of the most important question of church govt. the Lord has not given us a definite clear answer on. And therefore, that being the case, we must feel that it is not necessary to have a Scriptural statement upon every matter of ch. govt. It is not necessary. If the Scripture clearly states, stand on it, but if the Scripture leaves the matter open it doesn't mean~~t~~ that it is a matter of no importance. But may it not mean that ~~it~~ it is a matter which God ~~wishes~~ wishes us to study out and work out in ~~relation~~ relation to the particular situation in which we find ourselves. And in that ~~case~~ case, we should find ourselves in line with principles which He has laid down in the ~~Scripture~~ Scripture.