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### **Respect Authority**

In Scripture, the laying-on of hands is used to respect authority. It is interesting that each side of the current divide uses laying-on of hands; but, one side respects command authority and the other side respects expert authority. Since the Church needs both types of authority (the gifts of the serving expert and the commander of the worship service), I believe the Lord will use the laying on of hands to perfect the Church, bringing it back together. I also believe the process will work bottom up with servant initiated miracles and servant initiated heartfelt begging prayers of those under authority leading the way.

### **Authority to Put Away**

Currently the leaders of our Episcopal Church in the United States reject their responsibility to put away the wicked person. In answer to our prayers, God will fix that. Like the woman with the terrible husband, that fix will be initiated from below. There will be no need to those under authority to argue the point with the Church leaders. God controls all authority. Those under authority have influence with God. By opening our hearts, we communicate with God. The refining fire of the Holy Spirit changes our heart. Before and after that change, through our Holy Spirit Baptism, we have a lamp for examining our heart. Once God has put something on our heart, we are commanded to beseech (beg) God for our desire. Belief is a gift from God that we know we have received when (before the deed is done) Holy Spirit leads us to praise God in thanksgiving. This gift of belief is why things like miracles come from this type of open heart begging prayer. Through the laying-on of hands down from the original apostles, the Bishops of our Episcopal Church have the authority to put away the wicked person, those who hide their eyes and lead others to sin.

### **Authority to Miraculously Heal**

Even though this command authority comes down from the Apostles through the laying-on of hands, we all have servant authority, responsibility and expertise. To our Customer we impart our expert authority hands-on. When we have the gift of belief that comes from prayer, we lay our hands on our Customer and tell all those listening of the source of our authority.

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