

## TLWMF Ordination and Licensing Process

TLWMF uses the Bible way of ordaining and licensing ministers of the Gospel. Ordination is the process whereby a person is officially set apart to service unto our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as sanctioned by the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 13:1-4 we see an example of the entire process in action. A handful of ministers had gathered and were fellowshiping with one another and to the Lord.

*“Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; .....”*

Notice that God did the calling, and men did the ordination.

Timothy is an example of the ordination of elders. Timothy was ordained through the laying on of hands. GOD put the ministry gift in him (Eph.4:11), I Cor. 12:28), and

the elders laid hands on him as a witness. They recognized his calling. Ministry gifts are not given by the laying on of hands. The anointing that comes with the laying on of hands may help to stir up the gift from God that is in you, but it doesn't put it there. Neither can prophesy put the gift in you. Prophecy merely confirms what God has already done in your spirit.

*I Timothy 1:18 and 4:14 is revealing in this light: “This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare....”*

*Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.”*

The MINISTRY GIFT that is being pointed out here was one that was given by God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We do not lay hands on someone to make them an apostle or pastor, etc. The laying on of hands becomes a point of contact and of dedication. The Holy Spirit ministers anointing through the laying on of hands by faith. That anointing will energize the ministry gift that is already there. Laying on of hands always represents the ministry of the supernatural, not of the calling itself.

Notice II Timothy 1:6 *“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou STIR UP THE GIFT OF GOD which is in thee, by the laying on of my hands”.*

Elders and pastors should do what the Holy Spirit instructed Timothy to do. They should stir up that gift. It is up to you to do the stirring and the fanning of that gift.

Remember the word of God says that many are called but few are chosen in Matthew 22:14. Why is that? Many people have the calling down inside them, but few of them do anything with it. It is up to you to continue to study God's Word and to continue praying so that God can use that ministry gift. Just keep feeding on the Word and praying in the Spirit, and God can open a door and will be able to use you.

Therefore, TLWMF must follow the biblical way to set apart ministers to the office to which GOD has called them. We ask that three (3) ordained ministers, gather for the purpose of praying with the applicant and through the process of laying on of hands, ask God, through the Holy Ghost to stir up the gift of God put in him and to confirm this work through a word of prophecy. If God be for you who can be against you?

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*And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till WE ALL come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ ..*

*Eph 4:11-12*

*2 Tim. 2:15—Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

*1 Cor. 14:40—let all things be done decently and in order.*



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*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

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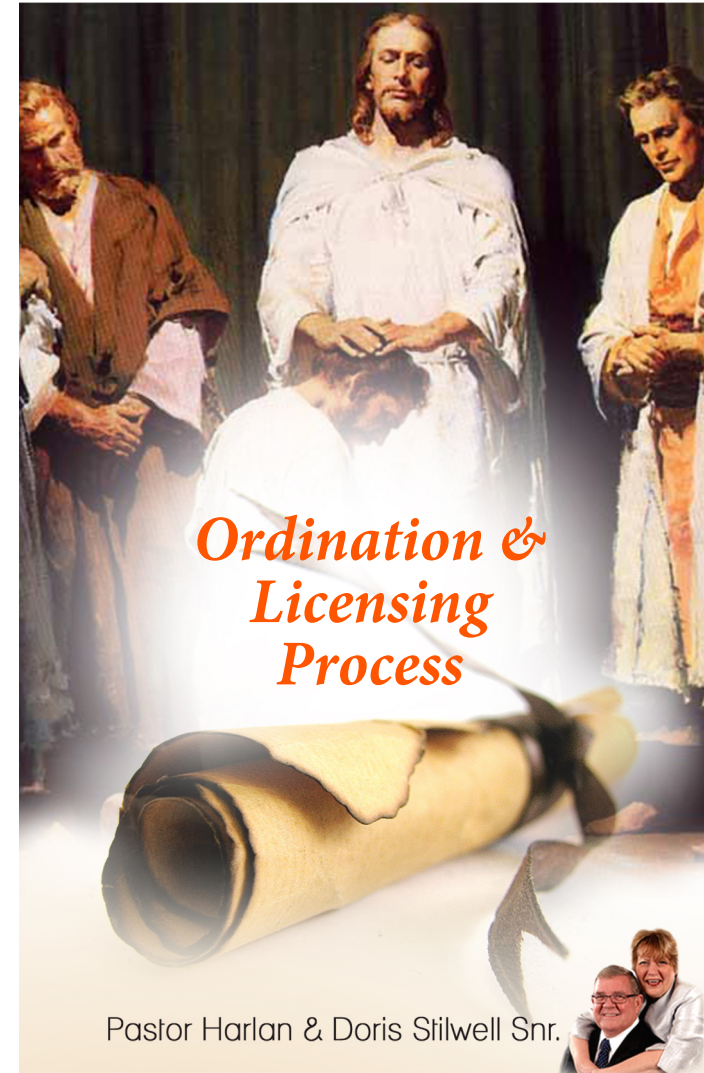


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