

Word Wacky Wednesday's

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Gesundheit

Ever wonder where this word comes from? I did so I looked it up. The bigger picture of this message is knowing what and why we say things. If we speak words and don't know what or why we say them, how can we know if we are blessing or cursing someone including ourselves?

Origin: From German Gesundheit 'health'.

Definition: Used to wish good health to a person who has just sneezed.

"The exchangeable term "gesundheit" comes from Germany, and it literally means "health." The idea is that a sneeze typically precedes illness. It entered the English language in the early part of the 20th century, brought to the United States by German-speaking immigrants.

'Virtually every country around the globe has its own way of wishing sneezers well. People in Arabic countries say, "Alhamdulillah," which means, "praise be to God." Hindus say, "Live!" or "Live well!" Some countries have special sneezing responses for children. In Russia, after children are given the traditional response, "bud zdorov" ("be healthy"), they are also told "rosti bolshoi" ("grow big"). When a child sneezes in China, he or she will hear "bai sui," which means, "may you live 100 years." "

(Source: <http://people.howstuffworks.com/sneezing.htm>)

This may be a wacky word for Wednesday's Word but the concept is not wacky. We often do and say things in our lives that are only because of habit. Most of our habits have become so ingrained in us that we never stop to think or ask why we do them. Our Father in Heaven is not impressed with our rituals or traditions. He is concerned about our lives and the state (motives) of our hearts.

This past Sunday we had a guest speaker at our church and he read a few Bible passages about this subject. This is a topic the Lord has been speaking to me about for a number of years. This topic is one I always thought of even before turning my

heart to the Lord. I was always taught by my mother to never accept anything but research everything before making a decision. In other words, don't do things just because someone else does until you find out the meaning for yourself.

Tradition and rituals without understanding is not God's way. Take this time to think of some things you do that have become a part of your routine but without understanding or focus on the Lord.

I truly believe the corporate Body of Christ is in a season of being corrected by God Almighty through His Holy Spirit to gain a deeper relationship and for His purposes to be fulfilled on "earth as it is in Heaven". This season is a heart check for each of us to realize what things we are holding onto that are not of God or have been changed from God's original meaning.

Bless you (and that is not out of habit but from the heart)!

Bible Verses:

Isaiah 1:10-17 - Hear the word of the Lord, You rulers of Sodom; Give ear to the law of our God, You people of Gomorrah: 11 "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?" Says the Lord. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats. 12 "When you come to appear before Me, Who has required this from your hand, To trample My courts? 13 Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. 14 Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. 16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.

Matthew 15:1-20 - Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, 2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash

their hands when they eat bread.” 3 He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ 5 But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God”—6 then he need not honor his father or mother.’ Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. 7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

8 ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth,
And honor Me with their lips,
But their heart is far from Me.
9 And in vain they worship Me,
Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

10 When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear and understand: 11 Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.” 12 Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” 13 But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.” 15 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “Explain this parable to us.” 16 So Jesus said, “Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. 20 These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.”

Other Source:

http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/us/definition/american_english/gesundheit

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