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*Wash your hands!*



My poor hands! They have been washed and then sanitized over and over this past year. They are dry and my nails are brittle. Anyone else noticing this?

Read about Jesus and the Pharisees in Mark 7.1-23.

What do you think? Is Jesus unconcerned about germs?? Or is He more concerned about judgmentalism?

The Pharisees weren't concerned about germs. (I think God may have given some of the many holiness laws found in Leviticus to keep His people 'whole.' God wants holy and healthy people. The words "holy" and "healthy" have same meaning/root. Because holiness is good for us.)

What did the washing of hands do for the Jewish people? It reminded them of God's holiness.

What did it do for the Pharisees?

It reminded them of their OWN holiness. (They had ADDED to the laws that God gave.)

Why do we wash our hands? It protects us from germs. And it protects others from our germs.

When I wash my hands this week, I'll remember that clean hands are important, and a clean heart is even more important!

Questions and comments welcome.