

## LIBRARY SUBJECT GUIDE:

## HOW TO DO A GREEK WORD STUDY

1. **Define** the word in its original language. Use a Greek lexicon.

Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, Bauer, Arndt, Gingrich (BAG). REF 225.4803 A747g 1979. If you do not read Greek, get the number assigned to the English word, according to Scripture passage, in The Word Study New Testament, REF 225.4047 W786w 1978. Look up the number in The Word Study Concordance, REF 225.4047 W786wc 1978. The third number from the far left is the BAG number. A Scripture index, An Index to the Revised Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich Greek Lexicon, REF 225.4803 A747g 1981 Index, is also available.

The New Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon, REF 225.4803 G864n 1981 or The New Analytical Greek Lexicon, REF 225.4803 N5325 1990. If you do not read Greek, get the number assigned to the English word in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, REF 220.2 S924e 1890. Both resources are coded to Strong's numbering system.

Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament, REF 225.4803 E96. English index in vol. 3

2. **Identify** the word in its original context. Use an exhaustive Greek concordance to locate any other passages in which the same Biblical writer uses the Greek word. Look for context, frequency, and use of the word. Use The New Englishman's Greek Concordance and Lexicon, REF 225.4802 N532 1982 or Wigram Englishman's Greek Concordance of the New Testament, REF 225.4803 W662e 1979. If you do not read Greek, get the number assigned to the English word in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, REF 220.2 S924e. Both resources are coded to Strong's numbering system. See also Englishman's Greek concordance to the New Testament, REF 225.4803 W662e 1970. Use the English index located in the back.

Use various Bible version concordances for contemporary context, frequency, and use:

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance (KJV), REF 220.2 S924e,  
NRSV Exhaustive Concordance, REF 220.2 N532 1991  
Nelson's Complete Concordance (RSV), REF 220.2 E47n  
New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, REF 220.2 E96n 1981.

3. **Parse** the word using a parsing guide for a grammatical analysis of the word. Use A Parsing Guide to the Greek New Testament, REF 225.48 R233p 1971. See also Analytical Greek New Testament, REF 225.48 F897a or Analytical Greek Lexicon Revised, REF 225.4803 A532 1978.
4. **Use** Bible dictionaries, wordbooks, journal articles, theological dictionaries, and authoritative websites to confirm your investigation.

- **BIBLE DICTIONARIES:**

Anchor Bible Dictionary REF 220.3 A539 1992 v.1-6  
Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible REF 220.3 I615 v.1-5  
International Standard Bible Encyclopedia REF 220.3 I61 1979 v.1-4

• **WORDBOOKS:**

Word Study New Testament

REF 225.4047 W786w 1978. Get the number assigned to the English word according to the Scripture passage. Look up the number in The Word Study Concordance, REF 225.4047 W786wc 1978. Consult the chart on page viii for further information. See also New Testament words in today's language, REF 225.4047 D484n 1986.

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words REF 225.3 V782e

Word Studies in the New Testament REF 225.487 V766w

Linguistic Key to the Greek New Testament REF 225.487 R557L

Word Studies in the Greek New Testament REF 225.487 W959w

• **THEOLOGICAL DICTIONARIES:**

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (TDNT), Kittel

REF 225.3 K62t v.1-10. A complete translation of Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Neuen Testament (TWNT). Vol. 10 includes an English, Greek, and Scripture index.

New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology

REF 230.03 B877n 1975. Arranged alphabetically by the ENGLISH words. Look at volume 3 for an index of transliterated Greek words and an index of English words. Main articles are indicated by heavy type. A Scripture index, REF 230.03 B877s 1985, is also available.

• **PERIODICAL ARTICLES:**

ATLA Religion Database with ATLAS (use EbscoHost)

Use for journal articles, and chapters in multi-authored books. Look under the subject heading GREEK LANGUAGE- TERMS and your transliterated Greek word.

• **COMMENTARIES:**

Commentaries can be wonderful aids to study, and can help confirm your findings. But the joy of discovery is enhanced when you derive a word's definition/use yourself rather than relying solely on someone else's opinion.

• **WEB RESOURCES:**

The steps in doing a word study are basically the same whether you are using books or your own computer. Online resources, however, have made the task so much easier. [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com) , [www.netbible.com](http://www.netbible.com) , and [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org) are a few of the many resources available to you.