

How to Do a Greek/Hebrew Word Study



Learning more about the language used in the original version of Scripture can be a helpful tool toward a better understanding of the author's original meaning and intention in writing. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New Testament in Greek. Though the thought of learning a new language is overwhelming to most of us, we live in an age with incredible tools at our fingertips through smartphone apps and online websites (many of which are free!), which make understanding the original meaning as simple as looking a word up in a dictionary.

Here are three easy steps to work toward a better understanding of the verses you study.

DECIDE which word you would like to study.

Do a quick read of your passage and note any potential keywords and/or repeated words. There is no right or wrong way to do this! Simply select a few words you would like to learn more about.

DISCOVER that word as it was originally written.

Using an interlinear Bible, find the original Greek (if New Testament) or Hebrew (if Old Testament) word for each instance of the word in the passage you are studying. There may be more than one Greek or Hebrew word present that translated into one English word.

DEFINE that word.

Look up your Greek/Hebrew word (or words if you found more than one) in a Greek/Hebrew lexicon. Most of the free apps and web-sites available do this with a simple click of a button, opening up a wealth of information referenced from a lexicon they've chosen. I encourage you to check out the videos I've created to show you how to use many of the online Greek tools. You can find them at KatieOrr.me/Resources.

Though this step can seem overwhelming, once you find an app or site you love, it is as simple as looking up a word in the dictionary. Here is a chart you can use to record what you learn.



GREEK/HEBREW WORD STUDY WORKSHEET



Greek/Hebrew word:

Verse and Version:

Part of Speech:

(verb, noun, etc.)

Translation Notes:

(How else is it translated? How often is this word used?)

Strong's
Concordance
Number:

Definition:

Notes:

