

# Columbia Bible College Library Library Resource Guides

## N.T. Word Studies – introductory guide

### Step 1. Parallel Bibles – use a parallel bible to compare wordings that differ in various translations:

*Today's Parallel Bible: New International Version, New American Standard Bible, updated edition King James Version, New Living Translation.* [REF 220.52 B582 T633 2000]

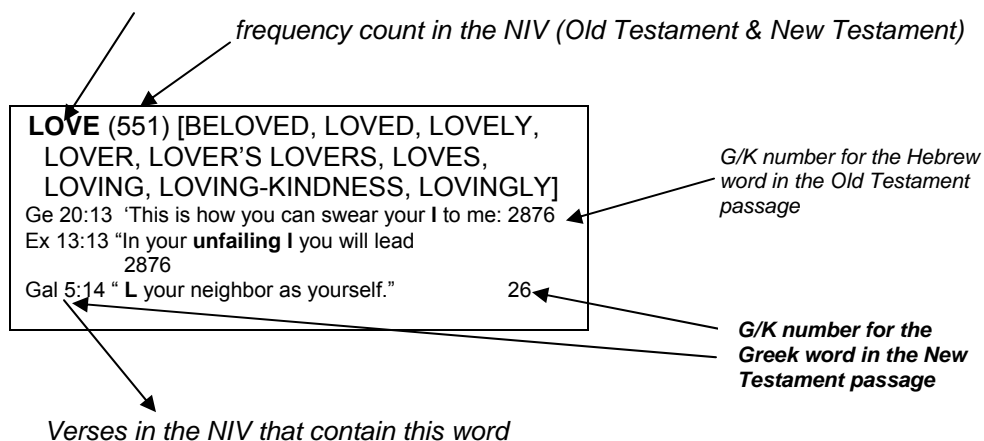
*The Contemporary Parallel New Testament: King James Version, New American Standard Bible, updated edition, New International Version, New Living Translation, New Century Version, Contemporary English Version, New King James Version, the Message* [REF 225.52 B582 C761 1997]

*The Greek New Testament: UBS4 with NRSV & NIV* [REF 225.48 B582 G793 1993].

### Step 2. NIV Concordance – Select a word from an NIV translation and identify the Greek original word. A good concordance is the:

**The Strongest NIV Exhaustive Concordance** REF 220.5 2081C G655 N734 2004

Example: word LOVE



**Step 3. Go to the dictionary section of the Strongest NIV Exhaustive Concordance starting on page 1522 for a brief definition and the Greek word.**

**“Greek to English Dictionary and Index to the NIV New Testament”.** (Greek-English concordance).

Look up your G/K number for the Greek word. (for example look up number G/K number 26)

G/K number for the Greek word

Greek word for "LOVE"      English transliterated word

**26** αγαπαω, agapao, v. [143] [→27, 28] to love; in the NT usually the active love of God for this Son and his people, and the active love his people are to have for God, each other, and even enemies: - love(74), loved (40), loves (22), love (2[+27]), truly love (2), longed for (1), loving (1), showed love (1)

Frequency count of this Greek word in the NIV

Definition of the Greek word LOVE

See page 1522 of this concordance for meanings to other features.

**Step 4. Go to another NIV Greek-English concordance for more detailed information about the word and in which verses it's used:**

**The Greek English Concordance to the New Testament with the New International Version [REF 225.48 K79 1997]**

Look up your G/K number for the Greek word. (for example look up number G/K number 26)

(G/K) number: 26      Greek Word      Transliteration      Frequency count NIV- total times this word occurs in the New Testament

**26** αγαπαω, agapao, [143] [→27, 28]

αγαπαν αγαπατε αλληλους (love one another) [12]  
Jn 13:34, 15:12,17; Ro 13:8;1 Th 4:9; 1Pe 1:22; 1Jn 3:11,23; 4:7,11,12; 2Jn 1:5

αγαπαω κυριον (love the Lord) [4] Mt 22:37; Mk 12:30; Lk 10:27; Eph 6:24

αγαπησεις πλησιον (love [one's] neighbor) [9] Mt 5:43; 19:19; 22:39, Mk 12:31,33; Lk 10:27; Ro 13:9; Gal 5:14, Jas2:8

Love [74], loved [40], loves [22], love [+27] [2], truly love [2], longed for [1], loving [1], showed love [1]

Related words – a list of words related by cognate or comment elements

Phrase index – a list of frequent phrases, in Greek and English, with frequency count

NIV translations – every way in which the word is translated in the NIV, with frequency.

Book-chapter-verse reference

Mt 5:43 heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'  
5:44 Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

**Step. 5. Go to an expository/theological dictionary for fuller meanings and usage of Greek words in the New Testament:**

**The NIV Theological Dictionary of New Testament Words by V. Verbrugge [REF 225.3 N734 2000]**

This dictionary is arranged by G/K number.

**26 αγαπαω** αγαπαω (*agapaō*) to love (26); αγαπη (*agapē*), love (27); αγαπητός (*agaptoēs*), loved, beloved (28); φιλόστοργος (*phiosstorgos*), tenderly loving, affectionate (5816); ἄστοργος (*astorgos*), without natural affection (845).

Detailed and comprehensive information follows with references to Classical sources, Old Testament, and New Testament passages. For example: **NT 1.** (a) In the NT love is one of the central ideas that express the whole content of the Christian faith (cf. Jn 3:16).....etc.....

Other theological dictionaries include:

New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology, edited by Colin Brown 4 volumes [REF 225.3 N532].

The Expanded Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words [REF 225.4803 V782 1984]

**Step 6. Check commentaries for further explanations and interpretations on your passage:**

Each book of the Bible is found in the following commentary series. For example the book of *Luke* of the NIV Application Commentary is located in the REFERENCE Section; Ref 220.77 N734 call number range. Within each commentary series the books are arranged in their traditional sequence. The following commentary series' are some examples:

<u>The Anchor Bible (Commentary)</u>	Ref 220.77 A539
<u>Believers Church Bible Commentary</u>	Ref 220.7 B431
<u>The Bible Speaks Today</u>	Ref 220.77 B582
<u>The Expositor's Bible Commentary (EBC)</u>	Ref 220.77 E96
<u>Hermeneia</u>	Ref 220.77 H551
<u>Holman New Testament Commentary</u>	Ref 220.7 H747
<u>Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching &amp; Preaching</u>	Ref 220.7 I61
<u>The New International Commentary on the New Testament</u>	Ref 220.77 N532
<u>The NIV Application Commentary (NIVAC)</u>	Ref 220.77 N734
<u>Interpretation</u>	Ref 220.7 I61
<u>Smyth &amp; Helwys Bible Commentary</u>	Ref 220.77 S667
<u>Word Biblical Commentary (WBC)</u>	Ref 220.77 W924