

WORDS

Bible study includes word study

1 Timothy 6:3-5

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Word Study

- Most Bible discussions are about words
- What does this word mean?
- What did it mean when spoken?
- How was it used in the Bible?
- What does the original Greek / Hebrew word mean?

Word Study

- We must use “wholesome words” (1 Timothy 6:3)
- How can we learn the correct meaning of a word?
- **Major Premise** – A word cannot mean what it never meant!

1 - Meaning - English

- The meaning of the English word is helpful
- But not reliable
- We use words differently than Jesus did

2 - Meaning - Original

- The Greek / Hebrew word is more helpful
- **Problem:** We don't know Greek or Hebrew
- We must rely on generally accepted scholarship

2 - Meaning - Original

- **Caution:** Don't accept the statement of any one person
 - Are they a scholar?
 - Are they known and accepted as a scholar in that language?

3 - Context

- Keep the word in the context
 - Sentence
 - Paragraph
 - Setting, situation
- How did the author use the word on other occasions?

3 - Context

- Often the immediate context will explain the word
- How is the word used in that book of the Bible?
- How did this writer use it in other books?

3 - Context

- **1 John 1:1** – The Word of Life
- **John 1:1** – The Word was God
- **John 1:14** – The Word became flesh and dwelt among us

3 - Context

- How did other writers use the same word?
- How was it used in the Old Testament?

4 - Literature Type

- What type of literature is it?
 - Poetry
 - History / Narrative
 - Apocalyptic
- Comic books are different from a life insurance policy

5 – Literal / Figurative

- Most of the Bible is literal, history, narrative
- Some phrases are figures of speech
- Some writing is symbolic

Application - Baptism

- 1. English** – 3 modes,
sprinkling, pouring,
immersion
- 2. Greek** – to dip, plunge,
immerse, bury, submerge

Application - Baptism

3. How used

1. Wash – Mark 7:4

2. Sop – Luke 11:38

3. Dipped – John 13:26

4. Dip – Luke 16:24

5. Baptize – Mark 16:16

Application - Baptism

4. Today – Many try to change the meaning, expand the definition

1. Have a clean heart

2. Not physical, just spiritual

3. Outward sign of inner change

4. Ritual to join a church

Our Challenge

Make sure that you:

- Use multiple sources
- Use accepted scholarship
- Study the word in its context
- Study how the author used the word

Our Challenge

Make sure that you:

- Pay attention to the type of literature
- Notice if it is a figure of speech
- Use the words that God used

God Says:

- **1 Peter 4:11a** - If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God.
- If anyone has anything to say, let it be as the words of God; (Bible in Basic English)

God Says:

- **1 Corinthians 2:13** - Which things, also, we speak, not in words, taught by human wisdom; but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual things in spiritual words.
(Living Oracles NT – Campbell)

Pay Attention to the Words

- God chose the words with care
- **1 Timothy 4:1** – The Spirit speaks expressly
- **We must use care to learn how God used the words of the Bible**