How To Do A Word Study

1. Find your word in the King James text. For example, use 1 Peter 4:9 “Use hospitality one to another without grudging.”

2. Using Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, find the reference number (this book lists every time an English word is found in the New Testament):

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<td>necessity of saints; given to h</td>
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<td>given to h, apt to teach;</td>
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<td>Tit 1:8</td>
<td>But a lover of h, a lover of good</td>
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3. Look in the back of Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance for a brief definition:

5381. φιλονεξία  philonexia, fil-on-ex-e’-ah; from 5382; hospitableness:—entertain strangers, hospitality.

5382. φιλοξενον  philoxenos, fil-o’-en-os; from 5384 and 3581; fond of guests, i.e. hospitable:—given to (lover of, use) hospitality.

4. Use a dictionary like Vine’s Expository Dictionary for a fuller definition:

**HOSPITALITY**

A. Noun.

philoxenia (φιλονεξία, 5381), “love of strangers” (philos, “loving,” xenos, “a stranger”), is used in Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2, lit. “(be not forgetful of) hospitality.” See ENTERTAIN, Note. ¶

B. Adjective.

philoxenos (φιλοξενον, 5382), “hospitable,” occurs in 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; 1 Pet. 4:9. ¶

Note: for xenodocheo, 1 Tim. 5:10, see STRANGER, B. ¶

5. For an unabridged definition, see Thayer’s Greek–English Lexicon of the New Testament.

6. For information on how the word was used in Classical and Attic Greek, see Kittle’s Theological Dictionary of the New Testament.

7. Use The New Englishmen’s Greek Concordance to find every time a particular Greek word is found in the New Testament (regardless of how it is translated into English).