



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):

Ro 12:13	necessity of saints; given to <i>h</i>	5381
1Ti 3:2	given to <i>h</i> , apt to teach;	5382
Tit 1:8	But a lover of <i>h</i> , a lover of good	“
1Pe 4:9	Use <i>h</i> one to another without	“

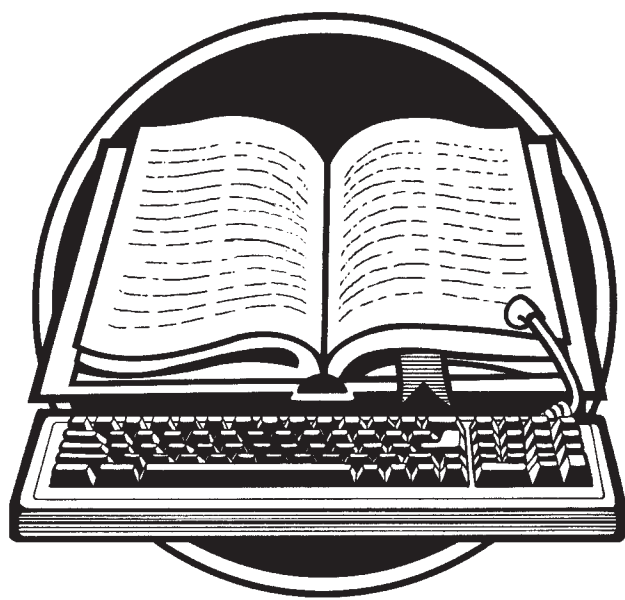
- 3 Look in the back of *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* for a brief definition:

5381. φιλονεξία philonexia , <i>fil-on-ex-ee'-ah</i> ; from 5382; <i>hospitableness</i> :- entertain strangers, hospitality.
5382. φιλοξενος philoxenos , <i>fil-ox'-en-os</i> ; from 5384 and 3581; <i>fond of guests</i> , i.e. <i>hospitable</i> :- given to (lover of, use) hospitality.

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

HOSPITALITY
A. Noun.
<i>philoxenia</i> (φιλοξενια, 5381), “love of strangers” (<i>philos</i> , “loving,” <i>xenos</i> , “a stranger”), is used in Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2, lit. “(be not forgetful of) hospitality.” See ENTERTAIN, Note. ¶
B. Adjective.
<i>philoxenos</i> (φιλοξενος, 5382), “hospitable,” occurs in 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; 1 Pet. 4:9. ¶
<i>Note:</i> for <i>xenodocheo</i> , 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).



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