

Comparison Chart

3. Consider Each Reference Individually

**4. Compare and
Group the References**



Word Study Method

The Word Study Method of Bible Study looks at the origin, definition and uses of particular words used in the Scripture in its original languages. Word Studies are important in Bible study as sometimes whole passages, thoughts and doctrines hang on the meaning of key words and sometimes even prepositions and articles. Some of the depth of meaning is sometimes lost or obscured in the process of translation from the original languages into our own. For example, when the Bible was translated into English, 6000 different words were used, but in the Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek original, 11,280 different words were used. The single English word, servant, is used to translate seven different Greek words.

The Tools Needed:

A study Bible; Several recent translations; An exhaustive concordance; A Bible dictionary and/or encyclopedia; A set of word studies; English dictionary

Steps to Word Study

1. Choose a word

This can be from a passage or topic study, or from a word that you have just wondered about.

2. Write down the English Definition

Use the English dictionary

3. Compare translations

See how the Bible translators have defined the word

4. Write down the original language definition



Use your concordance, Bible dictionary, lexicons, or a word study book.

5. Check the word's occurrences in the Bible

Use your concordance to see how and where the word is used in Scripture.

6. Find the root meaning and origin of the word

Use a Bible dictionary, theological word book, Bible encyclopedia, or word study set.

7. Discover the word's usage in the Bible

1. How was the word used in other writings at the time of the Scripture passage usage?
2. How does the Bible author use it in other passages?
3. How is it used throughout the Bible?
4. How does the context affect the meaning of the word?

8. Application

Remember, interpretation without application is sin!

