

## Composing a Greek NT Word Study LTSG - mgvh - 2010.01

*Note that the footnotes will tell you what to do in BibleWorks to obtain the results.*

1. In your text, choose a Greek word that is you think is important or interesting.
2. What is the lemma and morphological analysis of this word?<sup>1</sup>
3. How many times is the lemma used in this book? In this author's writings? How frequently is it used in comparison to other biblical books (including the LXX)?<sup>2</sup>
4. What are cognate forms of this word? (I.e., what other words share the same stem?) Does the word occur with prefixes? If so, what are they?<sup>3</sup>
5. What are other Greek synonyms for this word / concept?<sup>4</sup>
6. What English words are used to translate this word in this verse among the versions listed in Project 1A?<sup>5</sup> Within the whole AV or NASB?<sup>6</sup>
7. What is the range of meanings of this word? Which are appropriate to its form and context in the verse at hand?<sup>7</sup>
8. Is its use here part of an idiom?<sup>8</sup>
9. What other words are regularly used in connection with it?<sup>9</sup>
10. Where applicable, include a brief entry from a Bible dictionary.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This information is obtained from the Analysis tab.

<sup>2</sup> Conduct a lemma search. Use the Stats tab in the Analysis pane to get quick stats.

<sup>3</sup> A lexicon may help you discover words from which yours is derived or ones which are derived from it. Conduct a \*root\* search using BGM to find related words and then use the Words tab in the Analysis pane to see all the lemmas.

<sup>4</sup> The Louw-Nida *Lexicon* is the best place to check for synonyms.

<sup>5</sup> This is an opportunity to use the Text Comparison tool.

<sup>6</sup> Turn on Strongs notes. Find the Strong number for the Greek word. See the Usage results for words used to translate this word for the NAU. With the KJV, usage results are for the AV.

<sup>7</sup> Use Friberg's *Analytical Lexicon* to get a quick view of the range of meanings. Alternatively, Louw-Nida will also show and explain a word's range.

<sup>8</sup> Check the lexicons (especially BDAG) for this information. The other place to check is the grammars in Resources tab which have a specific entry for this word or verse.

<sup>9</sup> Use the Keywords in Context (KWIC) tool or the Related Verses tool or the Phrase Matching tool.

<sup>10</sup> I recommend the *HarperCollins Bible Dictionary* for a convenient and concise reference. It is a weakness of BW to only include 3 rather old dictionaries (ISBE, Fausset, Easton).