WORD STUDY

Word Study for the Word _____ found in _____ _____:_____

STEP 1

Write down a few basic meanings of the word you want to study as found in the Greek or Hebrew dictionary found in www.BlueLetterBible.org. This gives you a set of good "generic" meaning(s) to your word. Remember, it's only a starting point not the end. Remember2, your word does not mean "all these things". We are looking for the best definition in the original biblical context.

Meaning 1:

Meaning 2:

Meaning 3:

Now compare a few different translations for an initial thrust into the world of Bible translation. How do the NIV, NASB, and ESV translate the word?

NIV: _____

NASB: _____

ESV:_____

STEP 2

Start with the book you are reading. As you do this, I want you to move beyond merely restating the word as you find it in the text. I want you to elaborate and explore the meaning it may have in each context you find it in the same Biblical Book (e.g., Mark, Acts, Romans, etc.). Yes. All the occurrences of your word is found in www.BlueLetterBible.org. As you examine each one, try to employ the sound sentence level observational skills you have developed. For example, is the word being compared to another word? Is it being contrasted? Maybe it is used in a list? Is it used as a noun, adjective, adverb, etc. Answer this question: How does this scripture and its context provide insight into the understanding of the Word you are studying?

Ref:	Describe Meaning in Context:
Ref:	
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STEP 3

Examine several references in other NT books written by the same author.
(If none, skip to Step 4).

Biblical Book(s): _____

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STEP 4

Ponder the word meaning at this point. Think about the range of meaning(s) Summarize your work thus far. Remember, you are always searching for the meaning of the word "in the literary context" you are studying.

STEP 5

Look at occurrences in other books in the New Testament.

Biblical Book(s): _____

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STEP 6

Final Answer: This is the place to define your word and the evidence that supports that argument.