



WORD STUDY

Word Study for the Word klēsis found in Ephesians 4 : 1
"calling" (G2821)

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. Remember, your word does not mean "all these things". We are looking for the best definition in the original biblical context.

Meaning 1:

a calling

Meaning 2:

an invitation

Meaning 3:

calling to

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: calling

NASB: calling

ESV: calling

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?

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| Ref: | Describe Meaning in Context: |
| Ref: Ephesians 1:8 | The context is explaining the hope that he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people. |
| Ref: Ephesians 4:4 | Again, a calling to hope. (a repetition from Ephesians 1:8) |
| Ref: | |

APPENDIX

WORD STUDY, PG. 2

STEP 3

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

Biblical Book(s): Philippians, 1 Corinthians

| Ref: | Describe Meaning in Context: |
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| Ref: Philippians 3:14 | "Called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." |
| Ref: 1 Corinthians 1:26 | "Think of where you were called." |
| Ref: 1 Corinthians 7:20 | "Remain in the situation they were called." |

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.

Thus far, klésis means an invitation to a heaven - focused mindset. It is a calling heavenward through Jesus Christ.

STEP 5

Look at occurrences in other books in the New Testament.

Biblical Book(s): 2 Thessalonians, 2 Timothy, Hebrews, 2 Peter

| Ref: | Describe Meaning in Context: |
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| Ref: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 | The context is prayer they would be worthy of the calling. |
| Ref: 2 Timothy 1:9 | A calling with a holy calling. |
| Ref: Hebrews 3:1 | A communal heavenly calling between holy brothers and sisters. |
| Ref: 2 Peter 1:10 | To confirm the calling and election - so they will never stumble. |

STEP 6

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

klésis is a noun. It is an invitation to a life lived in the direction of heaven. It can be defined as a divine invitation to embrace salvation of God.



WORD STUDY

Word Study for the Word axiós found in Ephesians 4 : 1
"worthy" (G516)

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. Remember, your word does not mean "all these things". We are looking for the best definition in the original biblical context.

Meaning 1:

suitably

Meaning 2:

worthy

Meaning 3:

in a manner worthy of

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: worthy

NASB: worthy

ESV: worthy

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?

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| Ref: NA | Describe Meaning in Context: |
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APPENDIX

WORD STUDY, PG.2

STEP 3

Examine several references in other NT books written by the same author.

(If none, skip to Step 4).

Biblical Book(s): Colossians, Romans, Philippians, 1 Thessalonians

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| Ref: Colossians 1:10 | Describe Meaning in Context: The verse describes pleasing him in every way. |
| Ref: Romans 16:2 | To welcome in a way worthy of his people. |
| Ref: Philippians 1:27 | "To live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ." |
| Ref: 1 Thessalonians 2:12 | Encouraging, comforting, and urging to live lives of honor. |

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.

Axiós is an adverb that means to be suitable or worthy.

It is often translated into the english word "worthy."

STEP 5

Look at occurrences in other books in the New Testament.

Biblical Book(s): 3 John

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| Ref: 3 John 1:6 | Describe Meaning in Context: The plea to send them on their way in a manner that honors God. |
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STEP 6

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

The word Axiós means to be suitable or worthy.

It describes the action - live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.