

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**, *fil-on-ex-ee'-ah*; from 5382; *hospitableness*:— entertain strangers, hospitality.

5382. φιλοξενὸ **philoxenos**, *fil-ox'-en-os*; from 5384 and 3581; *fond of guests*, i.e. *hospitable*:— given to (lover of, use) hospitality.

4. Use a dictionary like *Vine's Expository Dictionary* for a fuller definition:

HOSPITALITY

A. Noun.

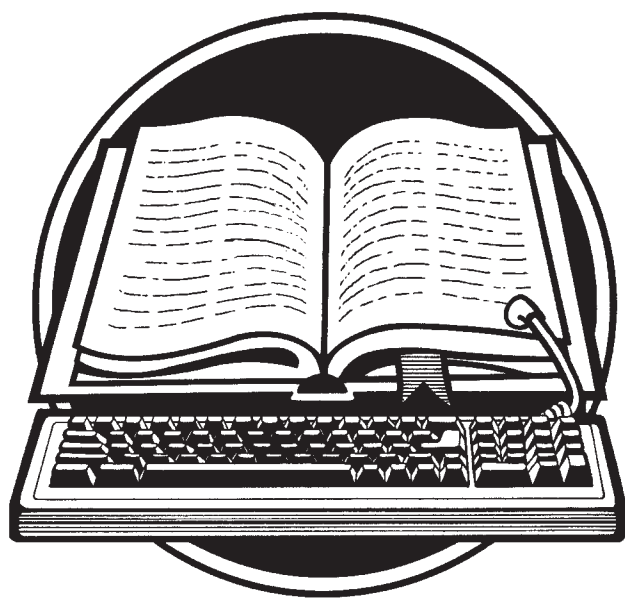
philoxenia (φιλοξενία, 5381), "love of strangers" (*philos*, "loving," *xenos*, "a stranger"), is used in Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2, lit. "(be not forgetful of) hospitality." See ENTERTAIN, Note. ¶

B. Adjective.

philoxenos (φιλοξενὸ, 5382), "hospitable," occurs in 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; 1 Pet. 4:9. ¶

Note: for *xenodocheo*, 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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