ENTRUSTING TRUTH

Word Study

1. Look up the word in a good dictionary. Determine which definition best fits the context. Reviewing the other definitions may give you insight on how the word could be used.

> NB. *The older the dictionary the better; if you can use the Oxford English Dictionary that is even better. A old unabridged dictionary is a second best option.*

2. If you have them look up the word in a Bible Dictionary, or word study like Wuest, Vines, or Vincent (see Annotated Bibliography for description of these works.

3. Using a concordance find other places where the word is used.

> *Note on using an English Concordance:*
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> *Remember that an English Concordance is keyed to English words. While that is obvious, it creates some limitations for us as we study the Bible. For instance there are four Greek words that are rendered "love" in English three of which appear in our Bibles. So if you are looking up "love" in your English concordance you will get every place that the word love appears in the text, however you will not know on the surface which word you are looking up in Greek. Strong solves this by numbering the words. So if you are looking up agape you would scan the references in your concordance for 26. In that way you would be looking for occurrences of agape rather that phileo or eros. If you have access to an Englishman's Greek Concordance or The Word Study Concordance that will give you each word in Greek.*

   3.1. Look for other places the word is used in the book you are studying.

   3.2. Look for other books in which the author of the book you are studying uses the word.

   3.3. Look for how other authors use the word.

4. Summarize your observations