



Word Study is a Bible study method to look closely into the definition and nuances of a given word. This technique helps us to better understand the meanings and implications of Hebrew and Greek words in the Bible that are sometimes less clear when a word is translated into English.

The books listed at the end of this guide are good word study resources that don't require the internet; however, the online tools at BlueLetterBible.org make a word study easy, accessible, and affordable!

We'll demonstrate the technique with a look at Philippians 2:14 (KJV\*):

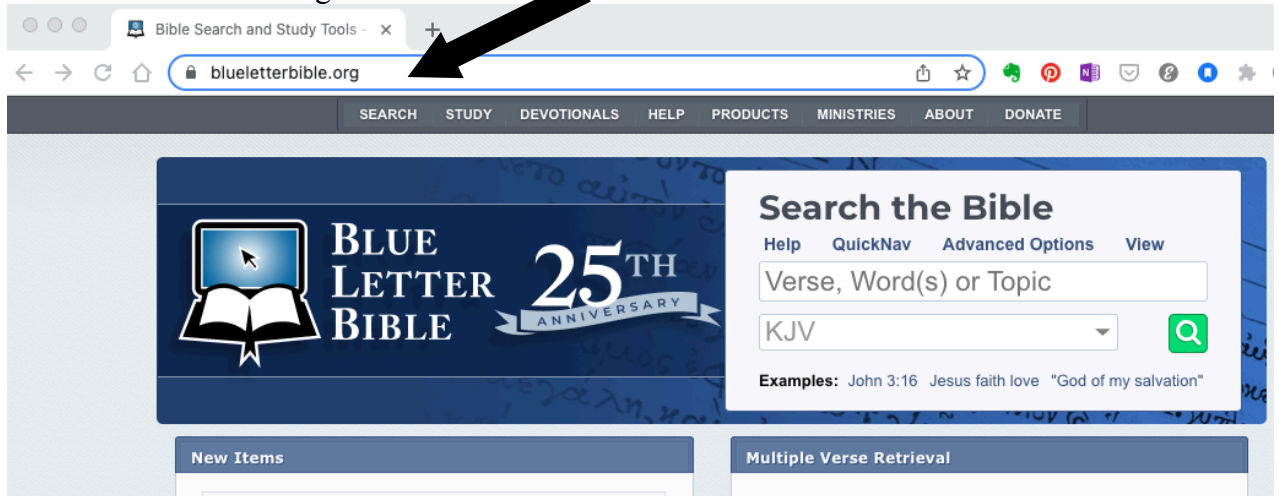
*Do all things without murmurings and disputings;*

\*Strong's Concordance is based on the King James Version. BlueLetterBible also offers the NASB translation, but once you enter the lexicon tool area of the site, the translation will revert to the King James.

In our scenario, we want to understand if there is a distinction between *murmurings* and *disputings* or if they are synonymous and simply repeated for emphasis.

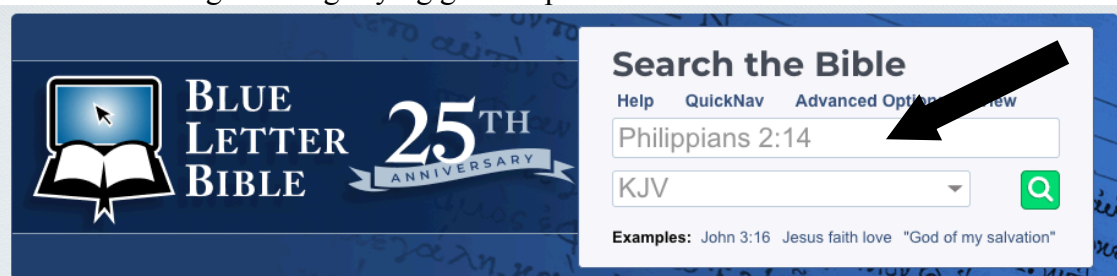
### Step One

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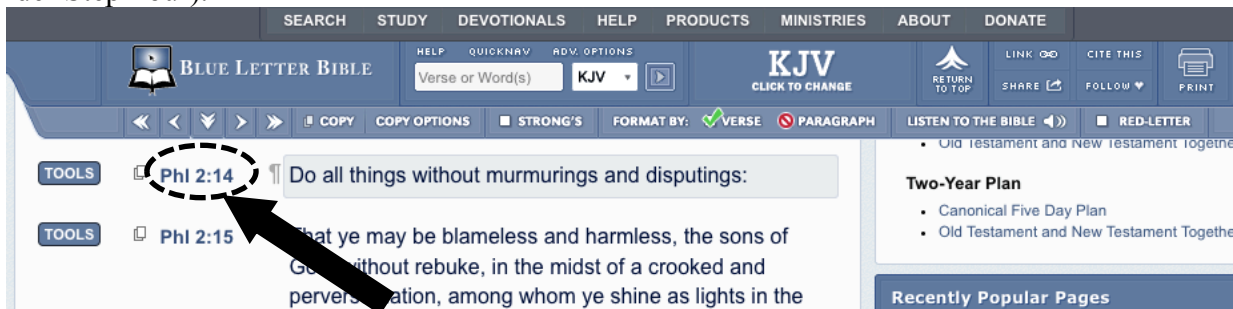
### Step Two

In the **Search the Bible** box, enter the verse containing the word(s) to study. Press return/enter on your keyboard or click the green magnifying glass to perform the search.



### Step Three

Click the reference address of the verse to show the English and original languages side by side (shown under Step Four).



### Step Four

Now click on the Strong's Number of the word to study. It will either start with a *G* for Greek [New Testament] or an *H* for Hebrew [Old Testament].

English (KJV) [?]	Strong's	Inflected, Root & Transliterated	Parsing
Do	ε4160	ποιεῖτε ποιέω poiēō	V-PAM-2P
all things <b>PHRASE</b>	ε3956	πάντα πᾶς pas	A-APN
without	ε5565	χωρίς χωρίς chōris	ADV
murmurings	ε1112	γογγυσμῶν γογγυσμός gongysmos	N-GPM
and	ε2532	καὶ καί kai	CONJ
disputings:	ε1261	διαλογισμῶν διαλογισμός	N-GPM


## Step Five

The resulting page will display information about the word, such as the following:

- Original Greek or Hebrew word
- Transliteration of the word (the word using English characters)
- Pronunciation (click icon to hear)
- Part of speech
- Vine's Expository Dictionary entry (BlueLetterBible offers Vine's entries for New Testament words)
- Other places in Scripture the word is used and how it is translated there
- How the word is used in Scripture
- Strong's definition
- Information from a lexicon (**Thayer's Greek Lexicon** or **Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon**)

Lexicon :: Strong's G1112 - *gongysmos* Aa

**α** γογγυσμός

<b>Transliteration</b> <b>b</b>	<b>Pronunciation</b> <b>c</b>
<i>gongysmos</i> (Key)	gong-goos-mos' 
<b>Part of Speech</b> <b>d</b>	<b>Root Word (Etymology)</b>
masculine noun	From γογγύζω (G1111)

**Greek Inflections of γογγυσμός [?]**

mGNT 4x in 3 unique form(s)	TR 4x in 2 unique form(s)	LXX 8x in 4 unique form(s)
γογγυσμός — 2x		γογγυσμῶν — 2x

**Dictionary Aids** **e**

**Vine's Expository Dictionary:** [View Entry](#)  
**TDNT Reference:** 1:735,125

**KJV Translation Count — Total: 4x** **f**

The KJV translates Strong's G1112 in the following manner: murmuring (3x), grudging (1x).

**Outline of Biblical Usage [?]** **g**

- I. a murmur, murmuring, muttering
  - A. a secret debate
  - B. a secret displeasure not openly avowed

**Strong's Definitions [?]** **h** (Strong's Definitions Legend)

**γογγυσμός** *gongysmós*, gong-goos-mos'; from G1111; a grumbling:—grudging, murmuring.

## STRONGS G1112:



γογγυσμός, -οῦ, ὁ, (γογγύζω, which see), a murmur, murmuring, muttering; applied to

a. secret debate: **περί τινος**, John 7:12.

b. secret displeasure, not openly avowed: **πρός τινα**, Acts 6:1; in plural **χωρίς ἄνευ γογγυσμῶν** without querulous discontent, without murmurings, i. e. with a cheerful and willing mind, **Philippians 2:14**; **1 Peter 4:9** (where I. T. T. W. used the singular). (Exodus 16:7ff; Wis. 1:10f; Antonin

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When using the Lexicon, look for the entry that cites your verse. This ensures that you are accessing the most accurate meaning. In this case, "b. secret displeasure, not ..."

## Step Six

Using the information from Step Five, make some notes about the word.

## Philippians 2:14 (KJV)

*Do all things without murmurings and disputings;*

complaining – Strong's G1112 γογγυσμός (*gongysmos*) /gong-goos-mos'/

- Murmuring or muttering (Vine's)
- ... more privately than publicly (Vine's)
- Secret debate or displeasure (Outline of Biblical Usage)

Now repeating the process for the second word in question, *disputings*, we discover this distinction:

## Philippians 2:14 (KJV)

*Do all things without murmurings and disputings;*

**Covert**

(Private, secret murmurings)

**Overt**

(Public, obvious deliberation)

*Author's note:* When I discovered this distinction, I had to do some soul searching! I had been incorrectly operating under an assumption that if my complaining was *internal* I was not sinning. Identifying this as the sin it was allowed the Spirit to get to work in this area!

## Print Resources:

**Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words** by W. E. Vine

**Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible** by James Strong

**The Complete Word Study Old Testament** by Warren Patrick Baker and Spiro Zodhiates

**The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament** by Spiros Zodhiates

**The Complete Word Study New Testament** by Spiro Zodhiates

**The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament** by Spiros Zodhiates