

Tools for Digging Deeper

Part 1

A Notebook, Dictionary, Thesaurus

The first thing you need to do when reading your Bible

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

In Strongs, you can look any English word up, and it will show you where that word appears in the Bible. It will ALSO show you the original Greek or Hebrew word the word was translated from.

This offers several opportunities for you to look deeper:

1. You can find out every place the word appears and study more about any subject.

Example: Look up "joy" and you will see what is found on p. 552 of my Strongs.

Let's look at it and analyse some things:

A. Number of times "joy" is found in each book:

	Total Hits	Hits per 1000 words
Genesis-		
Ruth	0	0.00
1Samuel	1	0.03
2Samuel	0	0.00
1Kings	1	0.04
2Kings	0	0.00
1Chronicles	5	0.20
2Chronicles	2	0.07
Ezra	4	0.46

Nehemiah	3	0.24
Esther	4	0.61
Job	6	0.28
Psalms	19	0.37
Proverbs	7	0.40
Ecclesiastes	4	0.62
Song	0	0.00
Isaiah	28	0.65
Jeremiah	7	0.14
Lamentations	2	0.51
Ezekiel	2	0.04
Daniel	0	0.00
Hosea	1	0.17
Joel	2	0.85
Amos- Nahum	0	0.00
Habakkuk	1	0.58
Zephaniah	2	1.07
Haggai	0	0.00
Zechariah	1	0.13
Malachi	0	0.00
Matthew	6	0.21
Mark	0	0.00
Luke	10	0.32
John	8	0.35
Acts	5	0.17
Romans	4	0.36
1Corinthians	0	0.00

2Corinthians	5	0.69
Galatians	1	0.27
Ephesians	0	0.00
Philippians	6	2.33
Colossians	0	0.00
1Thessalonians	5	2.30
2Thessalonians-		
1Timothy	0	0.00
2Timothy	1	0.50
Titus	0	0.00
Philemon	2	3.85
Hebrews	2	0.25
James	2	0.72
1Peter	2	0.68
2Peter	0	0.00
1John	1	0.34
2John	1	2.84
3John	1	2.87
Jude	1	1.38
Revelation	0	0.00

- B. Finding information you are looking for, e.g. "how to have joy" according to the Word, "what is joy," "what takes joy away" etc. (use summaries of verses).

Look: "w/joy" "great joy" "shout of joy" THEN "the JOY of the Lord is your strength" (Neh 8.10) is *defining definition of JOY*. Keep going, "from sorrow to joy" "sing for joy" THEN "in thy presence is fullness of JOY" (Ps 16.11) *shows HOW TO GET JOY*.

2. You can find verses even if you can only remember a few words!

3. You can look at the original Greek or Hebrew word that the word came from and get "in-depth" meaning definition.

Jesus gave us the Word that our "joy may be full" (1 John 1.4). "Joy" is Greek word #5479 in the Greek, "chara *khar-ah'* from 5463: cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight; gladness. X greatly (x be exceeding) joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous)."

The #5463 that it is taken from is the Greek word "chairō" *khah'ee-ro*; to be "cheer"ful, i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impers. Espec. As salutation (on meeting or parting), be well - farewell, be glad, God speed, greeting, hail, joy (-fully), rejoice.

4. You can make note of any occurrences of "joy" that uniquely come from a different Greek or Hebrew word, and gain more insight.

Look at Luke 1.44 where the *babe leaped in [Elizabeth's] womb for JOY.*

JOY is #20 in the Greek,

20. ajgalli÷asiß agalliasis, ag-al-lee'-as-is; from 21; exultation; specially, welcome: - gladness, (exceeding) joy.

Which adds the following references to your search:

Luke 1:14 And thou shalt have joy and **gladness**; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

Luke 1:44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for **joy**.

Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with **gladness** and singleness of heart,

Heb. 1:9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of **gladness** above thy fellows.

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding **joy**,

NOW we see another definition of JOY in Heb. 1.9 - LOVING righteousness and hating iniquity - THEREFORE God anoints with oil of GLADNESS