

Bible Study Tools

Word-based Tools

Concordance

Contains each occurrence of each word in the Bible. Organized alphabetically, it is the best tool to find a verse from a word and to find all the occurrences of a word. It may also contain the Hebrew and Greek words underlying each English word. Strong's is the best, for it is exhaustive with several helpful features and the Hebrew and Greek. A concordance is word based – here is its value and its limitations.

Bible Dictionary

Organized alphabetically, it contains most every word in the Bible with a definition, illustration, description, historical reference, explanation, and/or cross-references. By its nature, it may include the author's bias. It is word based. Useful dictionaries include Davis, Smith, and Easton.

Verse-based Tools

Treasury of Scripture Knowledge

Contains over 500,000 cross references to the verses in the Bible. Organized Scripturally, it provides verses helping explain the text under study. The verses were drawn from numerous conservative and Protestant commentaries before 1900. It is the best tool for finding explanatory verses that may not contain the key words of your subject text. The Treasury is verse based – here is its value and its limitations.

Bible Commentary

Organized Scripturally, it provides the author's interpretation for each verse in the Bible. Due to its organization, you may quickly obtain an opinion on the interpretation of any verse. It is verse based. Useful commentaries include Poole, Henry, Barnes, Clarke, and Gill.

Topic-based Tools

Nave's Topical Bible

This topical handbook organizes Bible verses and passages by well-known topics. By using key verses more than once, it contains over 100,000 references in over 20,000 topics. The Scriptures are fully printed, so you do not need your Bible to read the text. It also features a reverse lookup that allows you to find the topics where a verse has been used, in order to find other related verses by that topical classification. It is topic based.

Systematic Theology

A handbook organized according to the author's outline of theology with the author's opinion and references providing the material under each heading. It is topic based. Useful theologies include Gill, Dagg, Boyce, Berkhof, and Dabney. There are many more, but few add to these volumes.

All six primary tools are easily found with the Online Bible program, its phone app, Olive Tree, or Internet ([here](#)).

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