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Reading the New Testament with Fluency and Devotion

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Basic Vocabulary for New Testament Greek


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These 470 words are used thirty or more times in the Greek New Testament.¹

Ἀβραάμ, ὁ	Abraham
ἀγαθός, ἡ, ὄν	good
ἀγαπάω	I love
ἀγάπη, ἡς, ἡ	love
ἀγαπητός, ἡ, ὄν	beloved
ἄγγελος, ου, ὁ	messenger, angel
ἅγιος, α, ον	holy; pl. noun: saints
ἀγοράζω	I buy
ἀγρός, οῦ, ὁ	field
ἄγω	I lead, I bring
ἀδελφός, οῦ, ὁ	brother
αἷμα, ατος, τό	blood
αἶρω	I raise, I take up, I take away
αἰτέω	I ask
αἰών, ὤνος, ὁ	age
αἰώνιος, ον	eternal
ἀκάθαρτος, ον	unclean
ἀκολουθέω	I follow
ἀκούω	I hear
ἀλήθεια, ας, ἡ	truth
ἀλλά	but, yet, except
ἀλλήλων	one another
ἄλλος, η, ο	other, another
ἀμαρτάνω	I sin
ἀμαρτία, ας, ἡ	sin
ἀμαρτωλός, ὄν	sinful
ἀμήν	amen, truly
ἄν	particle indicating contingency
ἀναβαίνω	I go up, I come up
ἀναγινώσκω	I read
ἀνάστασις, εως, ἡ	resurrection
ἄνεμος, ου, ὁ	wind
ἀνὴρ, ἀνδρός, ὁ	man, husband
ἄνθρωπος, ου, ὁ	man, person, human being
ἀνίστημι	I raise; I rise
ἀνοίγω	I open
ἄξιος, α, ον	worthy
ἀπαγγέλλω	I tell, I proclaim
ἅπας, ἅπασα, ἅπαν	whole; all; everyone/everything
ἀπέρχομαι	I go away

¹ This list is based on word frequencies in the 27th edition of the Nestle-Aland *Novum Testamentum Graece* according to BibleWorks 9.0. Several words are included here that are not listed separately by BibleWorks: εἶδον; εἶπον; ἔρημος, ον; ἡμεῖς; ἴδε; Ἰερουσαλήμ; κἀγω; οὔ; πλείων, ον; ὑμεῖς.

ἀπό	gen.: from; because of; by
ἀποδίδωμι	I give, I repay
ἀποθνήσκω	I die
ἀποκρίνομαι	I answer
ἀποκτείνω	I kill
ἀπόλλυμι	I destroy; mid.: I perish
ἀπολύω	I release
ἀποστέλλω	I send
ἀπόστολος, ου, ό	messenger, apostle
ἄπτω	I light on fire; mid.: I touch
ἄρα	therefore
ἄρνέομαι	I deny
ἄρνιον, ου, τό	lamb
ἄρτι	now
ἄρτος, ου, ό	bread
ἀρχή, ἥς, ἡ	beginning; ruler
ἀρχιερεύς, έως, ό	high priest
ἄρχω	I rule; mid.: I begin
ἄρχων, οντος, ό	ruler
ἀσθενέω	I am sick
ἀσπάζομαι	I greet
αὐτός, αὐτή, αὐτό	self; same; he, she, it
ἀφήμι	I let go, I leave, I permit, I forgive
ἄχρι / ἄχρις	until (conj. and prep.)
βάλλω	I throw
βαπτίζω	I baptize
βασιλεία, ας, ἡ	kingdom, reign
βασιλεύς, έως, ό	king
βιβλίον, ου, τό	book
βλασφημέω	I slander, I revile
βλέπω	I see, I look at
βούλομαι	I desire, I intend
Γαλιλαία, ας, ἡ	Galilee
γάρ	for, because, since
γενεά, ἄς, ἡ	generation
γεννάω	I beget; I give birth to; pass.: I am born
γῆ, ἥς, ἡ	earth, land, ground
γίνομαι	I become; I happen; I am
γινώσκω	I know, I come to know
γλῶσσα, ης, ἡ	tongue, language
γραμματεύς, έως, ό	scribe
γραφή, ἥς, ἡ	writing, Scripture
γράφω	I write
γυνή, γυναικός, ἡ	woman, wife
δαιμόνιον, ου, τό	demon
Δαυίδ, ό	David

δέ	but, and, now
δεῖ (with acc. and inf.)	it is necessary
δείκνυμι	I point out, I show
δεξιός, ἄ, ὄν	right (hand, side)
δεύτερος, α, ον	second
δέχομαι	I take; I receive
δέω	I bind
διά	gen.: through, by; acc.: on account of
διάβολος, ου, ὁ	the devil
διαθήκη, ης, ἡ	covenant
διακονέω	I serve
διακονία, ας, ἡ	service
διδάσκαλος, ου, ὁ	teacher
διδάσκω	I teach
διδασχί, ῆς, ἡ	teaching
δίδωμι	I give
διέρχομαι	I go through
δίκαιος, α, ον	righteous, just
δικαιοσύνη, ης, ἡ	righteousness, justice
δικαιώω	I justify, I set right
διό	therefore
διώκω	I persecute
δοκέω	I think, I seem
δόξα, ης, ἡ	glory, fame
δοξάζω	I praise, I honor, I glorify
δοῦλος, ου, ὁ	slave
δύναμαι	I am able, I am powerful
δύναμις, ἑως, ἡ	power, miracle
δυνατός, ἡ, ὄν	possible, strong, powerful, able
δύο	two
δώδεκα	twelve
ἐάν	if, when
ἐαυτοῦ	of himself/herself/itself
ἐγγίζω	I approach
ἐγγύς	near
ἐγείρω	I raise up; I wake
ἐγώ	I
ἔθνος, ους, τό	people, nation; pl.: Gentiles
εἰ	if
εἶδον	I saw (aor. of ὁράω)
εἰμί	I am
εἶπον	I said (aor. of λέγω)
εἰρήνη, ης, ἡ	peace
εἰς	acc.: into, to, in, for
εἷς, μία, ἓν	one
εἰσέρχομαι	I come in/into, I go in/into

εἴτε	if, whether
ἐκ, ἐξ	gen.: out of, from; because of
ἕκαστος, η, ον	each, every
ἐκβάλλω	I throw out, I send out
ἐκεῖ	there
ἐκεῖνος, η, ο	that
ἐκκλησία, ας, ἡ	assembly, church
ἐκπορεύομαι	I go/come out
ἐλπίζω	I hope
ἐλπίς, ἴδος, ἡ	hope
ἐμαυτοῦ, ἧς	myself
ἐμός, ἡ, ὄν	my, mine
ἔμπροσθεν	gen.: before; adv.: ahead
ἐν	dat.: in, among; by
ἐντολή, ἧς, ἡ	commandment
ἐνώπιον	gen.: in the presence of, before
ἔξομι	I go out/away
ἐξέρχομαι	I come out, I go out
ἐξουσία, ας, ἡ	authority; power
ἔξω	gen.: outside; adv.: without
ἐπαγγελία, ας, ἡ	promise
ἐπερωτάω	I ask for; I question
ἐπί	gen.: on, over; when; dat.: on the basis of; at; acc.: on, to, against
ἐπιγινώσκω	I know, recognize, learn
ἐπιθυμία, ας, ἡ	desire
ἐπικαλέω	I call, I name
ἐπιστρέφω	I turn back
ἐπιτίθημι	I lay/put on
ἐπτά	seven
ἐργάζομαι	I work
ἔργον, ου, τό	work, deed
ἔρημος, ον	lonely, deserted
ἔρημος, ου, ἡ	desert, a deserted place
ἔρχομαι	I come, I go
ἐρωτάω	I ask (for)
ἐσθίω	I eat
ἔσχατος, η, ον	last
ἕτερος, α, ον	other, another, different
ἔτι	still; even; yet
ἐτοιμάζω	I prepare
ἔτος, ους, τό	year
εὐαγγελίζω	I bring good news, I preach the gospel
εὐαγγέλιον, ου, τό	good news, the gospel
εὐθέως	immediately
εὐθύς, εὐθεῖα, εὐθύ	straight; adv.: immediately
εὐλογέω	I bless

εὐρίσκω	I find
εὐχαριστέω	I thank, I give thanks
ἐχθρός, ἄ, ὄν	enemy; hated
ἔχω	I have, hold
ἕως	gen.: as far as; conj.: until
ζάω	I live
ζητέω	I seek
ζωή, ἦς, ἡ	life
ἢ	or, than; ἢ ... ἢ: either ... or
ἤδη	now, already
ἥλιος, ου, ὁ	the sun
ἡμεῖς	we
ἡμέρα, ας, ἡ	day
Ἡρώδης, ου, ὁ	Herod
θάλασσα, ης, ἡ	sea, lake
θάνατος, ου, ὁ	death
θαυμάζω	I marvel at
θέλημα, ατος, τό	will, desire
θέλω	I will, I want, I desire
θεός, οῦ, ὁ	God
θεραπεύω	I heal
θεωρέω	I look at, I see
θηρίον, ου, τό	beast
θλίψις, εως, ἡ	trouble, hard circumstances
θρόνος, ου, ὁ	throne
θύρα, ας, ἡ	door
Ἰάκωβος, ου, ὁ	James
ἴδε	look!
ἴδιος, α, ον	one's own
ιδού	look! behold!
ἱερεύς, ἑως, ὁ	priest
ἱερόν, οῦ, τό	temple
Ἱεροσόλυμα, τά or ἡ	Jerusalem
Ἱερουσαλήμ, ἡ	Jerusalem
Ἰησοῦς, οῦ, ὁ	Jesus
ἰκανός, ἡ, ὄν	worthy, sufficient, able
ἱμάτιον, ου, τό	garment, cloak
ἵνα	in order that, that
Ἰουδαία, ας, ἡ	Judea
Ἰουδαῖος, α, ον	Jewish, Jew; Judea, Judean
Ἰούδας, α, ὁ	Judah, Judas
Ἰσραήλ, ὁ	Israel
ἴστημι	I cause to stand; I stand
Ἰωάννης, ου, ὁ	John
Ἰωσήφ, ὁ	Joseph
καγώ	and I, but I

καθαρίζω	I cleanse
κάθημαι	I sit (down), I am seated
καθίζω	I sit; I cause to sit
καθώς	as, just as
καί	and, also, even, indeed
καινός, ή, όν	new
καιρός, οὔ, ό	appointed time, season
κακός, ή, όν	evil, bad
καλέω	I call
καλός, ή, όν	beautiful, good
καλῶς	well
καρδία, ας, ή	heart
καρπός, οὔ, ό	fruit
κατά	gen.: down, against; acc.: according to; with reference to
καταβαίνω	I go down, I come down
κατοικέω	I inhabit, I dwell
καυχάομαι	I boast
κεφαλή, ής, ή	head
κηρύσσω	I preach
κλαίω	I weep
κόσμος, ου, ό	world
κράζω	I cry out
κρατέω	I hold, I hold fast
κρίνω	I judge, I condemn
κρίσις, εως, ή	judgment
κύριος, ου, ό	Lord, master
λαλέω	I speak, I say
λαμβάνω	I take, I receive
λαός, οὔ, ό	a people
λέγω	I say, I speak
λίθος, ου, ό	stone
λογίζομαι	I count, I reckon
λόγος, ου, ό	word, message
λοιπός, ή, όν	remaining; noun: the rest; adv.: for the rest
λύω	I loose
μαθητής, οὔ, ό	student, disciple
μακάριος, α, ον	blessed
μᾶλλον	more, rather
Μαρία, ας, ή	Mary
μαρτυρέω	I bear witness, I testify
μαρτυρία, ας, ή	testimony
μάρτυς, μάρτυρος, ό	witness
μέγας, μεγάλη, μέγα	great, large
μέλλω (with inf.)	I am about to
μέλος, ους, τό	bodily part, member
μέν	on the one hand, indeed

μένω	I remain, I dwell
μέρος, ους, τό	part, piece
μέσος, η, ον	middle, in the midst
μετά	gen.: with; acc.: after
μετανοέω	I repent
μή	not, lest
μηδέ	but not, nor, not even
μηδείς, μηδεμία, μηδέν	no one, nothing
μήτε	and not
μήτηρ, μητρός, ή	mother
μικρός, ά, όν	little
μισέω	I hate
μνημεϊον, ου, τό	tomb
μόνος, η, ον	only, alone; adv.: only
Μωϋσής, έως, ό	Moses
ναί	yes
ναός, οϋ, ό	temple
νεκρός, ά, όν	dead; subst.: corpse
νόμος, ου, ό	law, principle
νϋν	now
νύξ, νυκτός, ή	night
ό, ή, τό	the
όδός, οϋ, ή	way, road
οϊδα	I know, I understand (pf. used as a pres.)
οικία, ας, ή	house, home
οικοδομέω	I build, I build up
οϊκος, ου, ό	house, household
οϊνος, ου, ό	wine
όλίγος, η, ον	little, small; pl.: few
όλος, η, ον	whole; adv.: entirely
όμοιος, α, ον	similar to
όμοίως	likewise
όνομα, ατος, τό	name
όπίσω	gen.: after; adv.: back, behind
όπου	where
όπως	how, that, in order that
όράω	I see, I notice
όργή, ής, ή	wrath
όρος, ους, τό	mountain, hill
ός, ή, ό	who, whom, which
όσος, η, ον	how much; as much as
όστις, ήτις, ότι	whoever, whichever, whatever
όταν	whenever
ότε	when
ότι	because, since; that; used to introduce direct and indirect quotations

οὔ	where
οὐ, οὐκ, οὐχ	not
οὐαί	woe!
οὐδέ	and not, not even, neither, nor
οὐδεῖς, οὐδεμία, οὐδέν	no one, nothing
οὐκέτι	no longer
οὖν	therefore, then
οὐρανός, οὐ, ὁ	heaven, sky
οὔς, ὠτός, τό	ear
οὔτε	and not, neither, nor
οὗτος, αὐτή, τοῦτο	this; he, she, it
οὕτως, οὕτω	thus, in this way
οὐχί	not
ὀφείλω	I owe, I ought, I must
ὀφθαλμός, οὐ, ὁ	eye
ὄχλος, ου, ὁ	crowd
παιδίον, ου, τό	child
πάλιν	again
πάντοτε	always
παρά	gen.: from; dat.: beside; acc.: alongside of
παραβολή, ἥς, ἡ	parable
παραγγέλλω	I command
παραγίνομαι	I come, I arrive
παραδίδωμι	I hand over, I pass on, I betray
παρακαλέω	I exhort, I urge; I encourage
παραλαμβάνω	I take, I receive
παρίστημι	I present; I stand by
παρρησία, ας, ἡ	openness, boldness
πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν	each, every, all, the whole
πάσχω	I suffer, I experience
πατήρ, πατρός, ὁ	father
Παῦλος, ου, ὁ	Paul
πειθω	I persuade; pf.: I trust; mid/pass.: I obey
πειράζω	I test, I tempt
πέμπω	I send
πέντε	five
περί	gen.: about; concerning; acc.: around
περιπατέω	I walk
περισσεύω	I am left over; I overflow
περιτομή, ἥς, ἡ	circumcision
Πέτρος, ου, ὁ	Peter
Πιλάτος, ου, ὁ	Pilate
πίνω	I drink
πίπτω	I fall
πιστεύω (with dat.)	I believe, I trust
πίστις, εως, ἡ	faith, belief, trust

πιστός, ή, όν	faithful, believing
πλανάω	I lead astray
πλείων, πλεῖον	more, larger
πλήθος, ους, τό	crowd
πλήν	but, yet, except
πληρώω	I fill, I fulfill, I complete
πλοῖον, ου, τό	boat
πνεῦμα, ατος, τό	spirit, the Spirit
ποιέω	I do, I make
ποιός, α, ον	what?, which?, what kind of?
πόλις, εως, ή	city
πολύς, πολλή, πολύ	much, many; adv.: often
πονηρός, ή, όν	evil, bad
πορεύομαι	I go
ποτήριον, ου, τό	cup
ποῦ	where?
ποῦς, ποδός, ό	foot
πράσσω	I do, I practice, I act
πρεσβύτερος, α, ον	elder, presbyter
πρό	before
πρόβατον, ου, τό	sheep
πρός	acc.: to, towards, with
προσέρχομαι	I come to/towards, I go to/towards
προσευχή, ής, ή	prayer
προσεύχομαι	I pray
προσκυνέω	I worship
προσφέρω	I offer
πρόσωπον, ου, τό	face
προφήτης, ου, ό	prophet
πρῶτος, η, ον	first
πτωχός, ή, όν	poor
πῦρ, πυρός, τό	fire
πῶς	how?
ῥήμα, ατος, τό	word, saying
σάββατον, ου, τό	Sabbath, week
σάρξ, σαρκός, ή	flesh
Σατανᾶς, ᾱ, ό	Satan, accuser
σεαυτοῦ, ής	yourself
σημεῖον, ου, τό	sign
σήμερον	today
Σίμων, ος, ό	Simon
σκότος, ους, ή	darkness
σοφία, ας, ή	wisdom
σπείρω	I sow
σπέρμα, ατος, τό	seed
σταυρόω	I crucify

στόμα, ατος, τό	mouth
σύ	you (sg.)
σύν	dat.: with
συνάγω	I gather together, I invite
συναγωγή, ἥς, ἡ	synagogue, meeting
συνείδησις, εως, ἡ	awareness; conscience
συνέρχομαι	I gather, I come together
σῶζω	I save, I rescue
σῶμα, ατος, τό	body
σωτηρία, ας, ἡ	salvation
τε	and
τέκνον, ου, τό	child
τέλος, ους, τό	end
τέσσαρες	four
τηρέω	I keep, I guard
τίθημι	I put, I place
τιμή, ἥς, ἡ	honor
τίς, τί	who?, what?, which?, why?
τις, τι	someone, something
τοιούτος, τοιαύτη, τοιούτον	such, of such a kind
τόπος, ου, ό	place
τότε	then
τρεις, τρία	three
τρίτος, η, ον	third
τυφλός, ἡ, όν	blind
ὕδωρ, ὕδατος, τό	water
υἱός, οὔ, ό	son
ὕμεῖς	you (pl.)
ὕπάγω	I depart
ὕπάρχω	I am, I exist
ὕπέρ	gen.: in behalf of; acc.: above
ὕπό	gen.: by; acc.: under
ὕπομονή, ἥς, ἡ	patient endurance
ὕποστρέφω	I return
ὕποτάσσω	I put in subjection
φαίνω	I shine; mid. and pass.: I appear
φανερῶ	I make known, I show
Φαρισαῖος, ου, ό	Pharisee
φέρω	I carry, I bear
φημί	I say
Φίλιππος, ου, ό	Philip
φοβέομαι	I fear
φόβος, ου, ό	fear
φυλακή, ἥς, ἡ	prison
φυλάσσω	I guard, I keep
φυλή, ἥς, ἡ	tribe

φωνέω	I call
φωνή, ἦς, ἡ	sound, voice
φῶς, φωτός, τό	light
χαίρω	I rejoice
χαρά, ᾶς, ἡ	joy
χάρις, ιτος, ἡ	grace, favor; gracious gift
χείρ, χειρός, ἡ	hand
χρεία, ας, ἡ	need
Χριστός, οὔ, ὁ	Christ
χρόνος, ου, ὁ	time
χωρίς	gen.: without; adv.: separately
ψυχή, ἦς, ἡ	soul, life
ᾧδε	here
ᾠρα, ας, ἡ	hour
ὥς	as, how, so that, when
ὥσπερ	as, like
ὥστε	so that; thus