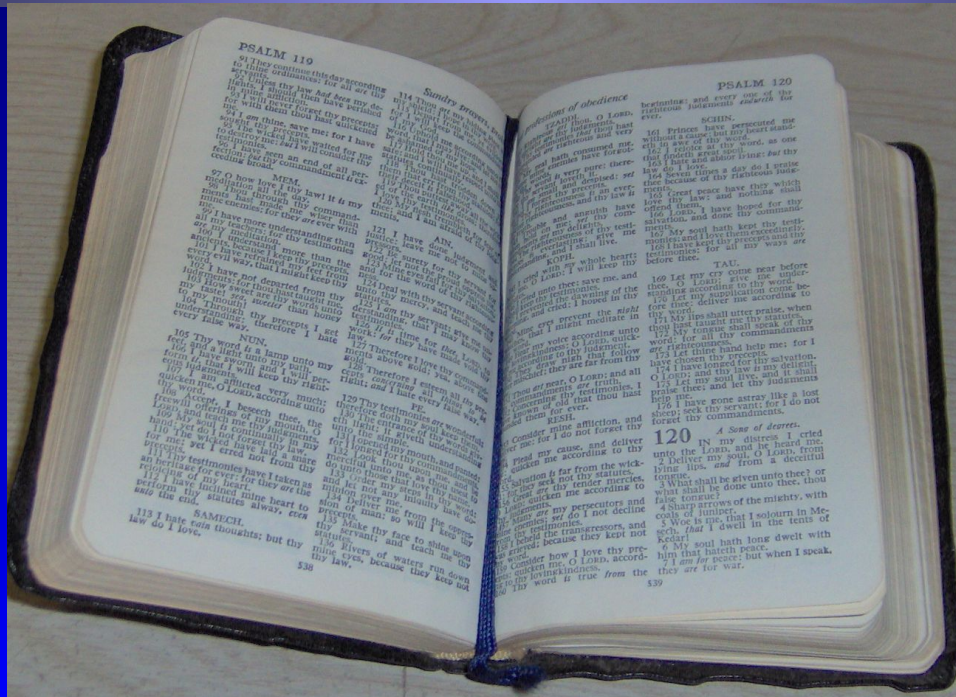
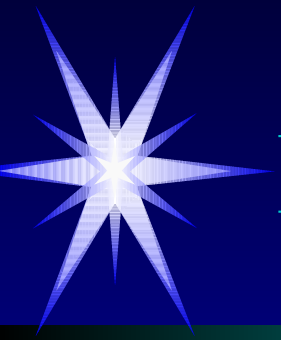


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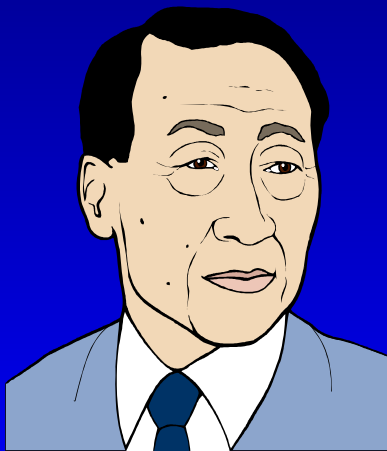


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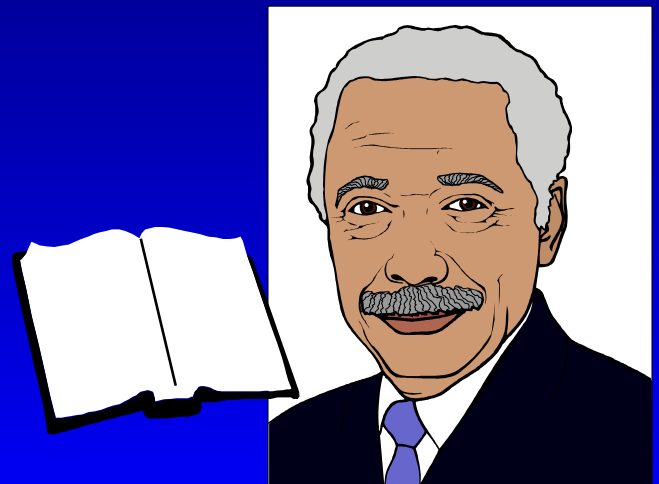


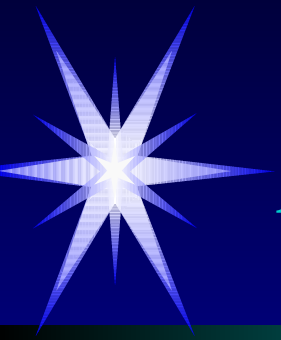
The Bible in English

So how does the
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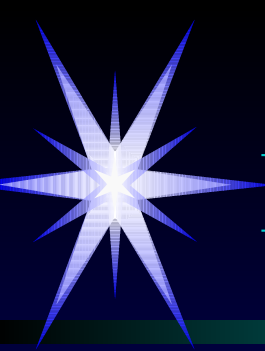


Carefully.
Prayerfully.





A. Going Back to the Original



Bringing the Bible to Us

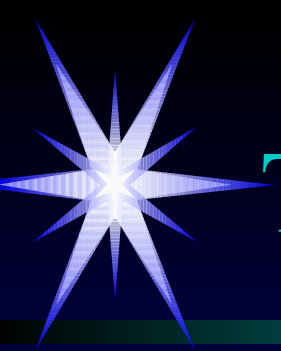
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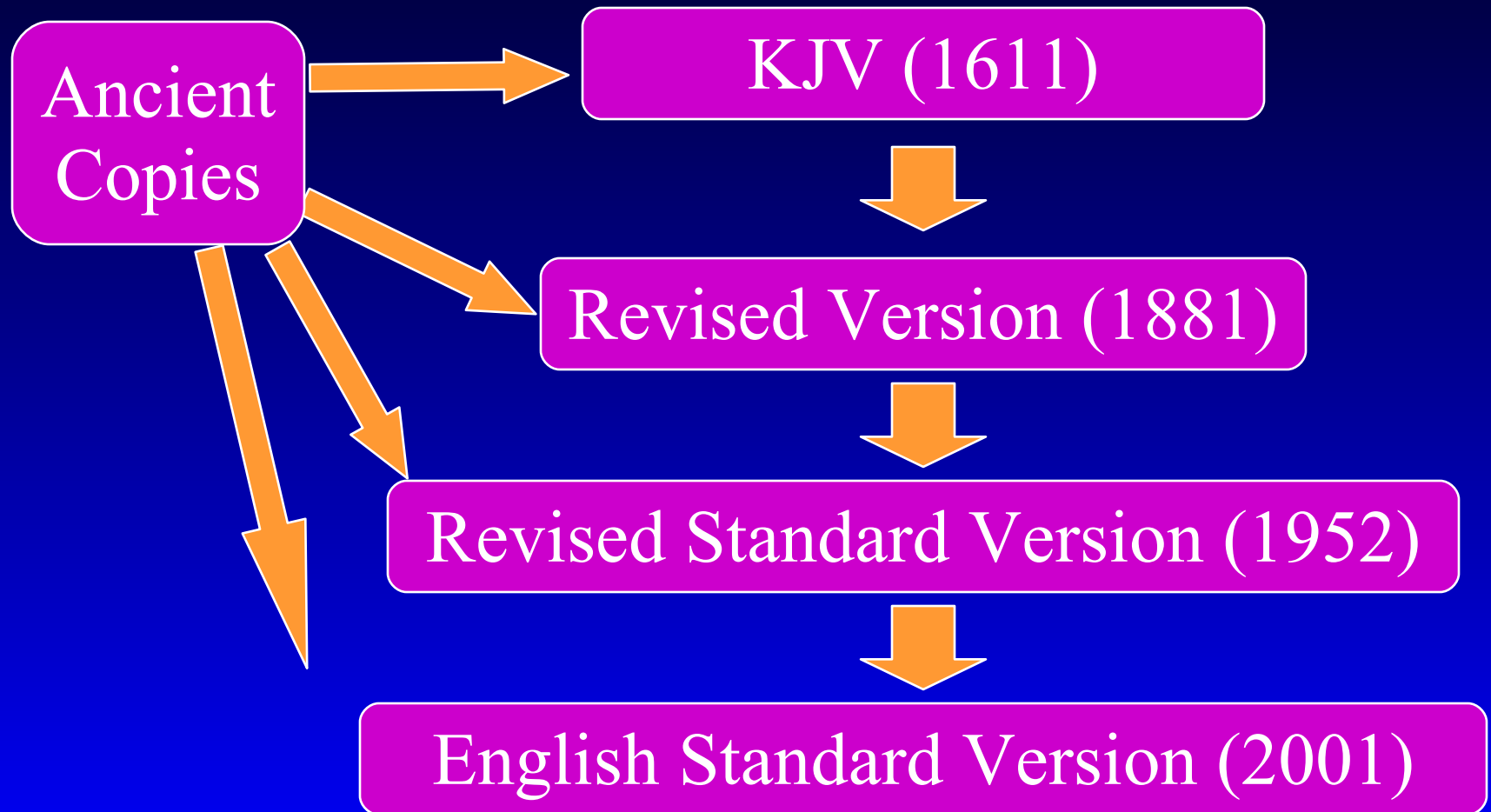
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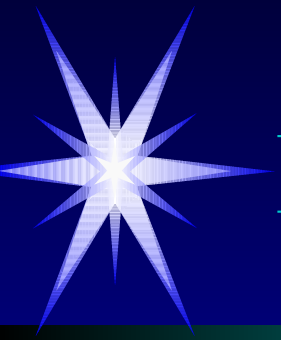


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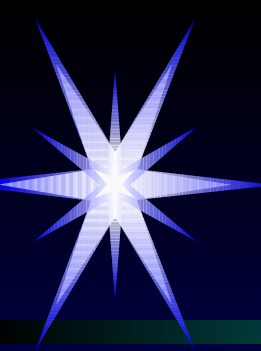


The Bible in Modern English





B. Finding Meaning



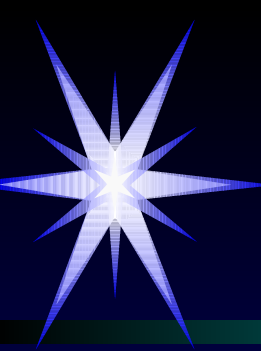
Earlier Translations

- Main meanings are clear.
- Scholars have applied their knowledge, in all main translations.



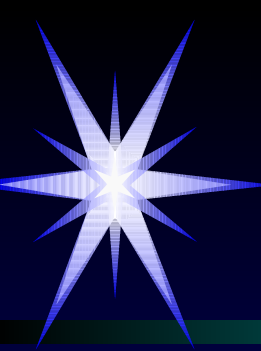
Resources Now

- Hundreds of years of scholarship
- Computer database of Greek and Latin writings



Example from 1 Cor. 6:9

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ... will inherit the kingdom of God. (NIV)



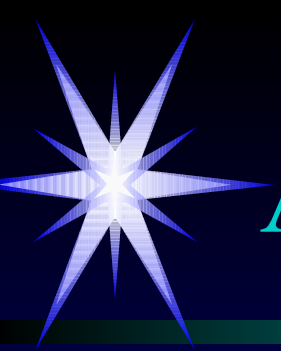
Meaning in 1 Corinthians 6:9



all occurrences of
the two words in 1 Cor. 6:9



"men who practice
homosexuality"

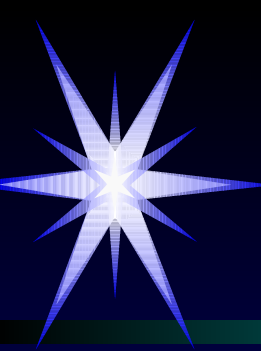


Added Precision in Notes

"men who practice
homosexuality¹"

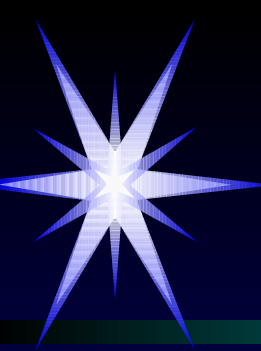
(ESV)

¹The two Greek terms translated by this phrase refer to the passive and active partners in consensual homosexual acts"

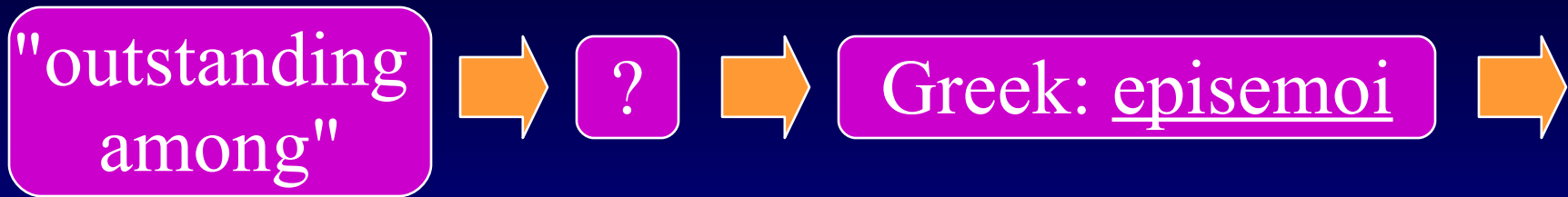


Example from Romans 16:7

Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. (NIV)

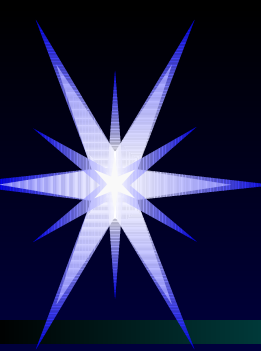


Meaning in Romans 16:7



"well known"

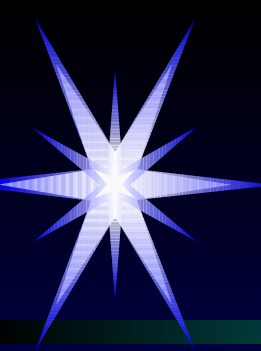
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Romans 16:7 ESV

Greet Andronicus and Junia,¹ my
kinsmen and my fellow prisoners.
They are well known to the apostles,
and they were in Christ before me.

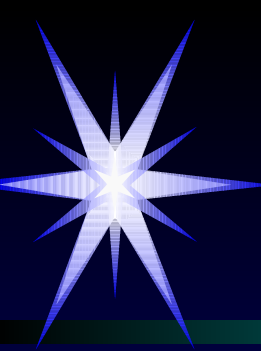
¹Or *Junias*



Meaning in Philippians 2:16

Philippians 2:15-16: so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe 16 as you hold out^a the word of life. ... (NIV)

^a16 Or *hold on to*



Meaning in Philippians 2:16

"hold out"



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Greek:epechontes



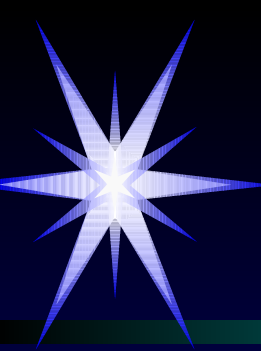
all occurrences
involve holding
a drink to a young
child's mouth



no meaning
"hold out"

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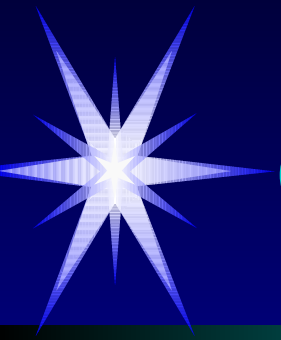
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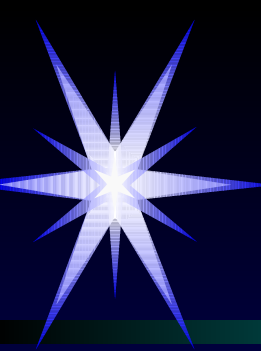
Philippians 2:16 ESV

... among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to¹ the word of life, ...

¹Or *holding out*



C. Weighing Options for English

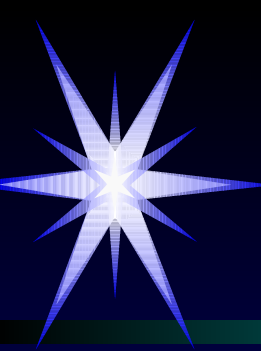


Replacing Obscure Words

Ephesians 6:11-12 (RSV):

11 Put on the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to stand against
the wiles of the devil. 12 For we are
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blood, but against the principalities,
against the powers, ...

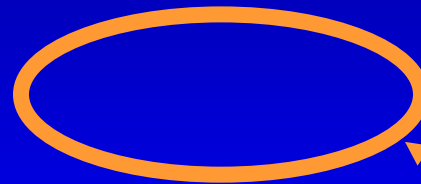
“rulers”



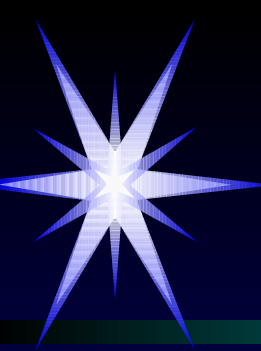
Improving Concordance

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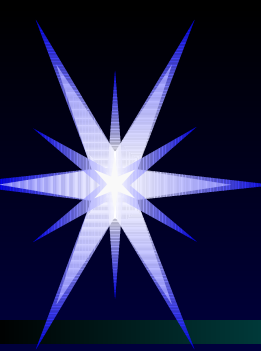
“authorities”



Finding Accurate Words

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the wiles of the devil. 12 For we are
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Choose Between Two Senses

“wiles” = “trickery”

Greek:
methodeia



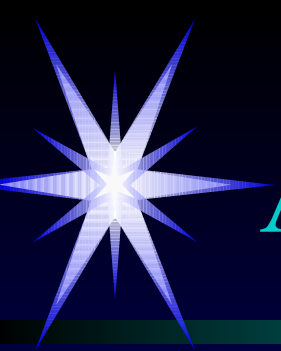
“method”
(neutral)



“scheme, craftiness”
(evil)



includes the idea of plan spread out in time

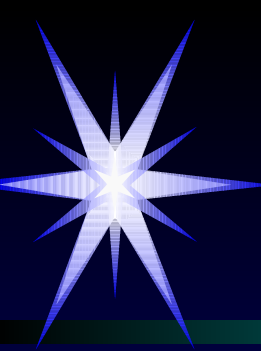


Achieving Accuracy

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“schemes”

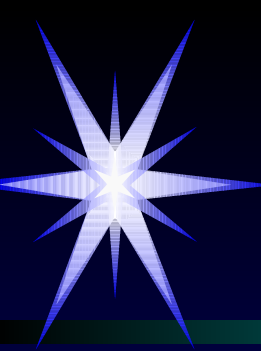


Preserving Metaphors

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Metaphors
in Greek

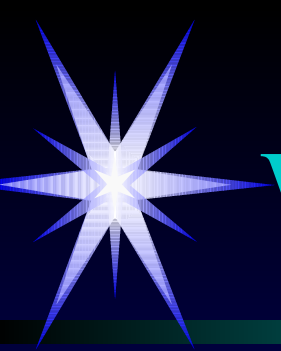


Restoring Metaphors

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Greek:
“wrestle”

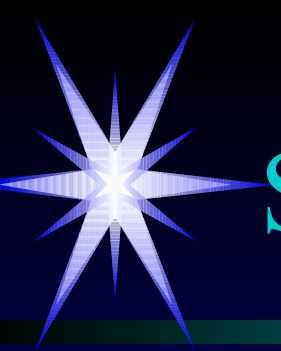


What If We Can't Find a Word?

Ephesians 6:11-12 (improved):

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are not **wrestling** against
flesh and blood, but against the
rulers, against the **authorities**

What if we
can't find?



Searching To Find a Word

Greek:
diabolos



“slanderer”

“slanderer”; or
“chief slandering spirit”;
or “chief evil spirit”



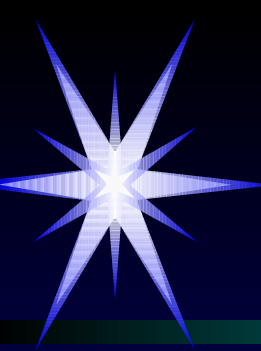
English Tenses

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English
OK

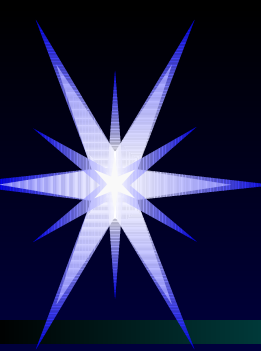


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Not just right now:
“do not wrestle”



Result in English

Ephesians 6:11-12 (ESV):

11 Put on the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to stand against
the **schemes** of the devil. 12 For we
do not wrestle against
flesh and blood, but against the
rulers, against the **authorities**, ...