

Bible Study Methods
Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

Observation

Lesson #2

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Bible Study Methods

1. Preparation

- Saved and sanctified and praying

2. Observation

- What does the text say?
- **Psalm 119:18** “Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.”

Bible Study Methods

1. Preparation

2. Observation

3. Interpretation

- What does the text mean?

4. Application

- How do I respond?

You must do all the steps in this order!!!

Select a text

- **A shorter passage is more manageable**
- **Select a text that includes the whole argument**
- **Use the paragraph breaks in your English Bible**
 - Use multiple English translations!

15 **Therefore** [then]

- **Conjunction: connects words/phrases/paragraphs together**

15 Therefore [then]

be careful [See] 

 Verb – command


 Active voice

¹⁵ **Therefore** [then]

be careful [See] 



how you walk [walk circumspectly]

 Adverb (**how**): modifies a verb

¹⁵ **Therefore** [then]

be careful [See] 

↑ **how you walk** [walk circumspectly]

↑ **not as unwise men** [fools]

↑ **but as wise,**

- Conjunction (**as**): comparative (2x)
- Conjunction (**but**): adversative

15 Therefore [then]

be careful [See] 



how you walk [walk circumspectly]



not as unwise men [fools]

but as wise,

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making the most of your time,

- Participle (**making**): verbal-adjective
- Intensive (**most**): places emphasis

15 Therefore [then]

be careful [See] 



how you walk [walk circumspectly]



not as unwise men [fools]

but as wise,

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making the most of your time,



because the days are evil.

 Conjunction (because**): causal**

NASB

¹⁵ Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

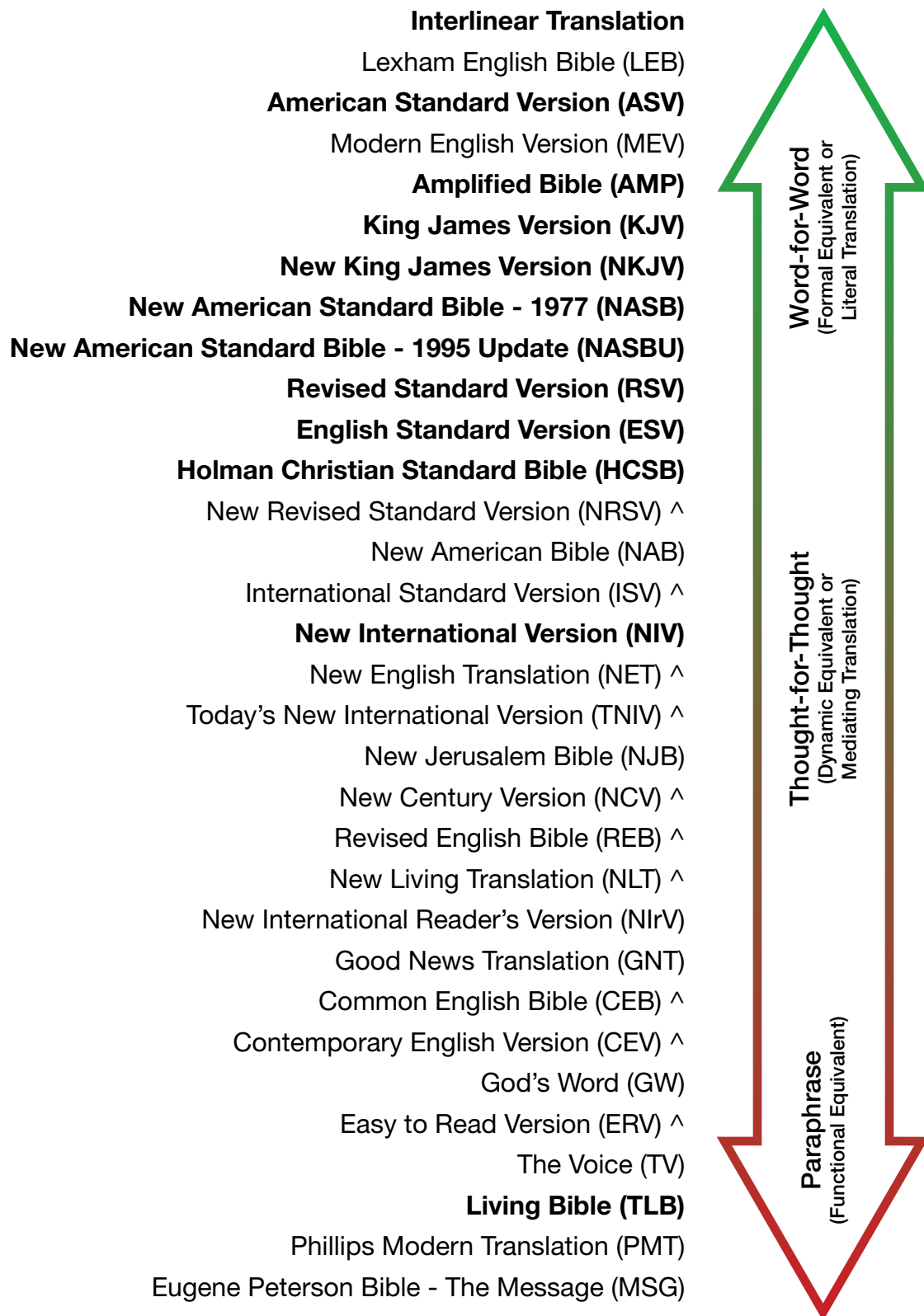
- Therefore
- walk
- 1 sentence
- unwise
- making
- of your time
- because the days are evil

NLT

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

- So
- live
- 3 sentences
- fools
- make
- of every opportunity
- in these evil days

Translation Continuum



^ Indicates varying degrees of gender neutral language
Most common translations in **bold**

2 John 1:1

The elder to the chosen lady and her children
(NASB)

From the elder, to an elect lady and her children
(NET)

This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to
the chosen lady and to her children (NLT)

How to slow down

- 1. Read from a different language
(Hebrew/Greek, Spanish, French, German)**
- 2. Read from multiple translations
(note differences/similarities)**
- 3. Write out the text**
- 4. Memorize the text**
- 5. Pray**