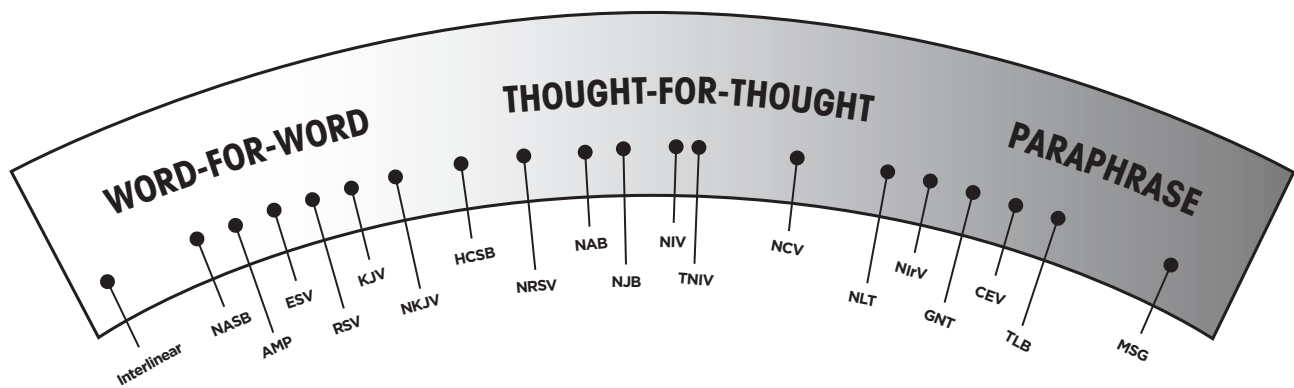


SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

APPENDIX A

BIBLE TRANSLATION TOOL¹

Types of Bible Translations



NASB - New American Standard Bible
AMP - Amplified Bible
ESV - English Standard Version
RSV - Revised Standard Version
KJV - King James Version
NKJV - New King James Version

HCSB - Holmes Christian Standard Bible
NRSV - New Revised Standard Version
NAB - New American Bible
NJB - New Jerusalem Bible
NIV - New International Version
TNIV - Today's New International Version
NCV - New Century Version
NLT - New Living Translation

NIRV - New International Reader's Version
GNT - Good News Translation
(also Good News Bible)
CEV - Contemporary English Version
TLB - The Living Bible
MSG - The Message

Understanding the Spectrum

Word-for-Word (Far Left)

Word-for-word translations aim to translate directly the meaning of each individual word from the original language. These translations are the most literal, but can sometimes be difficult to read.

¹ <https://me.me/i/types-of-bible-translations-thought-for-thought-paraphrase-word-for-word-nab-n-ncv-6bf2183f509740e09d8f13779fc3fb94> (Accessed September 10, 2019).

Paraphrase (Far Right)

Paraphrase translations strive to capture the overall meaning of a passage, with a greater focus on the purpose and intent of God’s message through the human author than on the meaning of each individual word used. Paraphrase translations are very readable, but do not always provide literal translations of the words used by the original author.

Thought-for-Thought (Middle)

Thought-for-thought translations blend word-for-word translation and paraphrase styles, creating versions that are both true to the literal meaning of the text and true to the overall meaning of a passage. These translations are a great “middle” ground for readers who want the best of both worlds!

