

The Spectrum of Bible Translations

Every Bible is a good Bible, if you use it! Read your Bible every day for mindfulness, re-centering, and fellowship with God. I recommend you get one Bible for deep study (from the left end of the spectrum) and one Bible for broad reading (from the right end). Enjoy!

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All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17, NKJV)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17, NLT)

NASB - ESV - NKJV - CSB - KJV - NRSV - NIV - GNB - NCV - NLT - CEV - LB - NIV - MSG

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FORMAL EQUIVALENCE

More literal

Better for deep study

Accuracy

Word-for-word

KEY

(Numbers refer to sales ranking, 2019)

NASB = New American Standard Bible (10)

ESV = English Standard Version (4)

NKJV = New King James Version (5)

CSB = Christian Standard Bible (7)

KJV = King James Version (2)

NRSV = New Revised Standard Version

NIV = New International Version (1)

GNB = Good News Bible

NCV = New Century Version

NLT = New Living Translation (3)

CEV = Contemporary English Version

LB = Living Bible

NIV = New International Reader's Version (9)

MSG = The Message (8)



DYNAMIC EQUIVALENCE

More paraphrase

Better for broad reading

Readability

Thought-for-thought