

# 50 Steps For Learning Biblical Greek

A Sequence For The Student Compiled By Roderick Graciano

1. Read **Wenham's Introduction to English Grammar** (available from me as a pdf file upon request).
2. Memorize the **Greek Alphabet**, and the sounds made by each letter in Modern Greek (p. A-5 in Section A of our Greek syllabus).
3. Memorize the eight Greek **Diphthongs** (p. A-6).
4. Memorize the eight special **Consonant Combinations** (p. A-7).
5. Memorize the 24 forms of the Greek **Definite Article** (p. B-9, Section B of our Greek syllabus). Use the "Greek Definite Article Exercise" posted on Timothy Ministries' "Getting Started With Biblical Greek" web page.
6. Acquire and use a copy of Matthew S. DeMoss', *Pocket Dictionary for the Study of New Testament Greek* (InterVarsity Press, 2001).
7. Start attending a **Biblical Languages Fellowship** where you can study biblical Greek with others.
8. Learn the meaning of **Case** and the uses of the four primary cases (p. B-18 and B-19).
9. Learn the 24 forms and meanings of the **Relative Pronoun** (p. B-27).
10. Memorize the 8 forms of the **Masculine Noun**, λόγος, (p. B-10).
11. Learn the 6 **Conjunctions** and 2 **Negations** (pp. B-6 and B-7).
12. Learn the **Prepositions** diagrammed on p. B-22.
13. Learn the present, active, indicative of the **Regular Verbs**, λύω and φιλέω (p. B-48).
14. Learn the **Personal Pronouns** (p. B-25).
15. Learn the 1 John "**Starter Vocabulary**" (pages D-15 to D-27).
16. Make sure that you understand the six kinds of information involved in **Parsing Verbs** (p. B-53).

17. Learn the **Future Active** of the verb λύω (p. B-55).
18. Learn the **Aorist Indicative Active & Aorist Subjunctive Active** forms for λύω (p. B-51).
19. Familiarize yourself with the **Verbal Aspect, Spatial Qualities and Typical Aktionsart** of the six verb tenses (pp. B-43 to B 46).
20. Learn the **Demonstrative Pronouns**, *This* and *That* (p. B-28).
21. Memorize the 8 forms of the **Feminine Noun**, ἀρχή, (p. B-24).
22. Learn the **Top 100 Words Used In The NT** (p. D-11 to D-13).
23. Acquire and use a copy of Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida's *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains* (New York: United Bible Societies, 1996).
24. Memorize the 8 forms of the **Neuter Noun**, ἔργον, (p. B-32).
25. Learn the forms of the **Adjective** ἀγαθός (B-35).
26. Learn the process for **converting Adjectives to Adverbs** (p. B-38).
27. Learn the **Interrogative & Indefinite Pronouns** (B-27).
28. Learn the difference between **Nesting And Stacking Modifiers** in biblical texts (p. B-37).
29. Memorize the four **Moods** and their significance (pp. B-41 and B-42).
30. Learn the **Present And Aorist Active Imperative** forms of the verb λύω (p. B-57).
31. Learn the **Present Subjunctive Mood** of the verb λύω (p. B-49).
32. Learn the forms of the **Feminine Nouns (First Declension in Alpha)**, ἡμέρα and δόξα (p. B-31).
33. Learn the four endings of Greek **Infinitives** (p. B-67; D-38).
34. Learn the **Present Participle Active** for λύω (p. B-63).
35. Make sure that you understand the seven kinds of information involved in **Parsing Participles** (p. B-53).
36. Learn the **First Aorist Participle Active** for λύω (p. B-64).

37. Memorize the **Principal Parts for Regular & Irregular Verbs** (p. B-54).
- 38. Finish your first reading of the entire Greek New Testament.**
39. Invest in *Logos*® or *BibleWorks*® software to aid your study of Greek.
40. Use Greek often in your background study for teaching and preaching, and start studying passages in the Greek Old Testament (Septuagint).
41. Learn the **Present Active Participle** for Εἰμί (p. B-66).
42. Learn the **First Aorist Participle Passive** for λύω (p. B-64).
43. Learn the **Perfect Participle Active** for λύω (p. B-64).
44. Continue to study the details and subtleties of Koine Greek in Rodney J. Decker's, *Reading Koine Greek: An Introduction and Integrated Workbook* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2014).
45. **Lead your own Biblical Languages Fellowship** for people from your church and neighborhood. Nothing will help you learn Greek like teaching what you know to others.
46. As you begin a second read-through of the Greek New Testament, **select favorite verses to memorize in Greek.**
47. Read Constantine R. Campbell's, *Basics of Verbal Aspect in Biblical Greek* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2008), in order to get a good handle on verbal aspect and *aktionsart*.
48. Study sections of interest in Daniel B. Wallace's *Greek Grammar beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1996).
- 49. Finish your second read-through of the Greek New Testament.**
50. Start alternating between New Testament and Old Testament (Septuagint) texts in your continuing study of biblical Greek.