

Getting Started with e-Sword

Note: e-Sword is primarily PC based. There are versions for the Mac iPad, and iPhone that are very nice, but have a different user interface. I am not experienced with other software tools such as Blue Letter Bible, Logos, and ????. But, they should have similar capabilities.

Exercise 0 - BEFORE you Download and install e-Sword

There is a very nice online training site. It does not require a download, nor the purchase of any of the e-Sword programs. Its training is designed for the PC, but has some value for other platforms.

Go to the e-Sword website: <https://www.e-sword.net> Then click on the training tab. Or you can go to <https://e-sword.net/training.html>
I would do the first four exercises several times.

Exercise 1 - Download and install e-Sword

You will find e-Sword for different platforms/devices at the e-Sword site:

PC e-Sword <http://www.e-sword.net>

MAC e-Sword <http://www.e-sword.net/mac/>

iPad e-Sword HD <http://www.e-sword.net/ipad/>

iPhone e-Sword LT <http://www.e-sword.net/iphone/> (Or from your iPhone, visit iTunes and download the e-Sword LT app.)

NOTE: Not all the platforms have all the features.

Exercise 2 -

Exercise 2 If you are not using a PC or a Mac, skip down to the SUGGESTED DOWNLOADS in Exercise 3. The downloads are important for any Bible software that supports them.

Once you have installed the e-Sword program, try the **Exercise 0** exercises on your own machine

- You can also use e-Sword's internal help. Then choose e-Sword User's Guide. It is quite comprehensive. (I have not read through it all.)

- There *MAY* be some things in the tutorials that don't make sense *if you have not yet downloaded a Bible with Strong's numbers (e.g. KJV+ or NASB+ The + means it includes Strong's numbers)*. See exercise #3.

Exercise 3 - Downloading additional Bibles, dictionaries, commentaries, etc. (These are called modules.)

Here is how to download "modules".

1. At the top of your e-sword window is a dropdown menu labeled "Download", Click on it. (On the iPad this is 'Resources',.)

You will see multiple download options: Bibles, Commentaries, Dictionaries, Devotions, Graphics, Reference books. These are modules.

- Clicking on any of the download options will bring up the "Download Modules" window.
 - If you chose Dictionaries on the menu, you will see a list of downloadable dictionary modules/resources.
2. Each download list is divided into multiple sections:
- free downloads,
 - *premium* downloads (you pay the owner). I have only 'bought' the NASB module.
 - Following the premium downloads are additional modules in different languages, including Biblical Greek.

NOTE: The modules list will show you which modules you already have installed.

3. Choose the modules you want to download.
- Click on the NAME of the modules you wish to download.
 - o If you **ALREADY HAVE** a module (on your PC), you will not be able to select it.
 - o Once you click on a module, it will appear in the "to download" section.
 - o Once it is on that list, the only way I know to remove it is to click the **DOWNLOAD** tab, and remove **ALL** of your selections. So, think twice before making a long list and then changing your mind about one.
 - You may want to download a few modules at a time since it may take a little while to download, depending upon your connection speed.
 - If you choose a "premium" module, the program will take you to the website of the owner of the module where you can make online payment.

4. Starting the download

- Once you are happy with your selections, press **DOWNLOAD>START**
- You may need to restart e-Sword before using some of the modules.

5. If you download modules that you don't want to see all of the time, you can turn them off in e-Sword:

- At the top of e-Sword, click on the Options menu>Resource Options. You can then turn individual modules/resources on/off from being displayed in the panels.

SUGGESTED DOWNLOADS:

(You can download all of these in short order.)

BIBLES:

Essential:

KJV package

KJV+--King James Version with Strong's numbers.

GNT-WH+ Greek New Testament with Strong's numbers and RMAC. This uses the Westcott-Hort text.

HOT - Hebrew Old Testament with Strong's numbers

Keep scrolling down the Bible modules list to find the Greek and Hebrew Bibles.

Very useful

LXX - Septuagint, a pre-Christ translation of the Old Testament into Greek. Jesus read this Bible, and the Hebrew.

GNT-TR+ -- Greek New Testament with Strong's numbers and RMAC, the "Received Text", an alternative to GNT-WH+

Also good

MKJV - Modern KJV

YLT - Young's Literal Translation

BBE - Bible in Basic English

Other modern translations

Bible in various languages.

Premium (About \$20)

NASB, NASB+ NASB77 (all three in one package) VERY useful.

Other modern translations.

DICTIONARIES

Essential for word studies:

KJC - King James Concordance

Strong's - Hebrew and Greek Dictionary. Source of Strong's numbers.

RMAC - Robinson's Morphological Analysis Codes. Study of root words and conjugations.

NASEC - New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance (Premium \$, comes w. NASB)

Very useful for word studies:

Thayer - Thayer's Greek Definitions (Similar to Strong's, but better layout.)

BDB - Brown-Driver-Briggs's Hebrew Dictionary (Similar to Strong's, but better layout.)

Encyclopedias of Names and Places

Fausset - Fausset's Bible Dictionary

Smith - Smith's Bible Dictionary

Easton -- Easton's Bible Dictionary

Useful:

Torrey - Topical Treasury

COMMENTARIES

Essential:

Barnes' Notes on the Bible

Clarke -- Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Bible

VWS - Vincents Word Studies

RWP - Robinson's Word Pictures

Recommended:

JFB - Jamieson, Fausset, Brown Commentary

Wesley, -- John Wesley's Explanatory Notes

TSK - Treasury of Scriptural Knowledge - by R. A Torrey

K&D - Keil and Delitzsch OT Commentary

ADDITIONAL TOOLS THAT MAY BE DOWNLOADED:

Devotionals

Graphics

Reference books

That's it.