

BRICKHOUSE MINISTRIES

Find Your Bible Translation in 10 Questions



Instructions:

- Answer each question and write down your points for each response.
- At the end, total your points and match them to the Bible translation that fits you best!

1. What is your primary goal in reading the Bible?

- ☐ (1 point) Deep theological study, word-for-word accuracy
- ☐ (2 points) A balance between accuracy and readability
- ☐ (3 points) A highly readable, modern translation for everyday devotion
- ☐ (4 points) Something simple, clear, and easy to understand
- ☐ (5 points) A poetic and traditional reading experience

2. How important is readability to you?

- ☐ (1 point) I prefer a more precise, literal translation, even if it's harder to read
- ☐ (2 points) I want a balance of readability and accuracy
- ☐ (3 points) Readability is very important, but I still want a faithful translation
- ☐ (4 points) I need something extremely clear and easy to understand
- ☐ (5 points) I enjoy traditional, poetic language

3. How do you feel about older English wording (e.g., "thou" and "thee")?

- ☐ (1 point) I want modern wording
- ☐ (2 points) I prefer mostly modern but can handle some older phrasing
- ☐ (3 points) I don't mind either way
- ☐ (4 points) I prefer the poetic feel of older English
- ☐ (5 points) I love classic biblical English

4. Do you want footnotes and explanations about translation choices?

- ☐ (1 point) Yes! I love study notes and deep insights into the text
- ☐ (2 points) Some, but I don't need too much detail
- ☐ (3 points) Not really, I just want a smooth reading experience
- ☐ (4 points) No, I just want the text without distractions
- ☐ (5 points) I prefer traditional formats without extra notes

5. What type of study or use will this Bible have?

- ☐ (1 point) In-depth theological study
- ☐ (2 points) Personal study and teaching
- ☐ (3 points) General reading and devotion
- ☐ (4 points) Children, new believers, or ESL readers
- ☐ (5 points) Traditional liturgy and worship

6. Are you looking for a Bible that's commonly used in academic or seminary settings?

- ☐ (1 point) Yes, I need something respected for theological study
- ☐ (2 points) I'd like a translation used in teaching, but also readable
- ☐ (3 points) Not necessarily, but I want a widely accepted translation
- ☐ (4 points) No, I want a Bible that's simple and engaging
- ☐ (5 points) I prefer a historical and liturgical Bible

7. How much do you value word-for-word accuracy over readability?

- ☐ (1 point) Accuracy is the most important factor for me
- ☐ (2 points) I want accuracy but also need it to be readable

- ☐ (3 points) I prefer a balance, but readability is a little more important
- ☐ (4 points) Readability is my priority
- ☐ (5 points) I want something that sounds beautiful, even if it’s less literal

8. Do you prefer a translation that aligns with a specific denomination?

- ☐ (1 point) No preference—just accuracy and scholarship
- ☐ (2 points) Evangelical Protestant preference
- ☐ (3 points) General Protestant use
- ☐ (4 points) No strong preference, just easy reading
- ☐ (5 points) Catholic or liturgical tradition

9. Do you need gender-neutral or inclusive language?

- ☐ (1 point) No, I prefer a strictly literal translation
- ☐ (2 points) It’s not a big deal, but I lean toward traditional wording
- ☐ (3 points) I’m okay with some modernized language if it improves clarity
- ☐ (4 points) Yes, I’d prefer something that’s updated for inclusivity
- ☐ (5 points) I want a translation that updates wording to reflect inclusivity

10. Are you comfortable with a Bible that simplifies concepts for better understanding?

- ☐ (1 point) No, I want an academically rigorous text
- ☐ (2 points) Some simplification is fine, but I still want depth
- ☐ (3 points) A good balance of clarity and faithfulness is best
- ☐ (4 points) Yes, I prefer clear, easy-to-understand language
- ☐ (5 points) I prefer traditional wording, even if it’s harder to understand

Scoring & Results

Total up your points and find your ideal Bible translation below!

10-14 Points → NASB, LSB, or NET

- You value **word-for-word accuracy** and theological precision.
- Best for **deep study**, seminary-level analysis, and apologetics.
- **Best picks:** *New American Standard Bible (NASB)*, *Legacy Standard Bible (LSB)*, *New English Translation (NET)*

15-20 Points → ESV or NKJV

- You want **accuracy** but still **need readability**.
- Used in many **churches, Bible studies, and seminaries**.
- **Best picks:** *English Standard Version (ESV)*, *New King James Version (NKJV)*

21-26 Points → CSB or NIV

- You value **both clarity and faithfulness** to the original text.
- Best for **general study, teaching, and devotion**.
- **Best picks:** *Christian Standard Bible (CSB)*, *New International Version (NIV)*

27-32 Points → NLT or NCV

- Readability is your **top priority**.
- Best for **new believers, casual reading, and family devotionals**.
- **Best picks:** *New Living Translation (NLT)*, *New Century Version (NCV)*

33-38 Points → KJV

- You appreciate **traditional, poetic language**.
- Best for **liturgical worship, historical study, or classical reading**.
- **Best picks:** *King James Version (KJV)*

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