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Subject: Word Studies

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Many words used in the NT we sometimes do not use in modern times and many that we do use I don't know if we understand the full meaning.

In the KJV we find the word guile which has been changed in the NKJV.

Quote: John 1:47

Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

What does "guile" mean:

guile noun \Ēˈgʏlə(-É™)\

: the use of clever and usually dishonest methods to achieve something

Jesus said, Nathanael had no guile. Also Peter states Jesus had no sin nor guile was found in His mouth.

[quote]

Quote:

1 Peter 2:22

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

A number of times we see in the NT an admonition that guile will not be part of a Christian's life:

Quote:

1 Peter 3:10

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

8.Revelation 14:5

And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

In the NKJV they interchange this word with the word "deceit".

Deceit means:

de·ceit noun \di-ĒˈsÄ“t\

: dishonest behavior : behavior that is meant to fool or trick someone

The problem is these words are used in the same verse in the KJV:

Quote:

1 Thessalonians 2:3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

The translators changed this verse in the NKJV to read:

Quote:

1 Thessalonians 2:3 For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit.

Either way guile or deceit is not to be part of the Christians life, nor should we accuse people of having deceit or guile without knowing all the facts in every situation.

In Him,  
Gary