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Proverbs 3:27

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

You should memorize that verse, you don't have to, but it is a good idea.

The theme this month is "excel in commitment".

Walter Cummins

I Thessalonians 1:4

Before we get into that we should all be clear on what a literal translations is and one that is according to usage and how they both benefit a researcher. A literal translation is a word for word translation. When there is no corresponding word in the language you don't add filler words for understanding you just leave it blank or put the original word in there. You don't do like the King James folks and just add what you want where you want and italicize it. That's not a literal translation.

A literal according to usage has the thoughts and meanings of the original but it is written in English, well in our case it is English. These are extremely helpful when dealing with figures of speech and mannerisms. Now we can continue.

Electio – election – to chose or select

Comes from the word "eklego" and "eletio"

Ek – preposition – out from

Lego – to gather or to pick. It refers to picking something (thoughts or material) from many things that are similar. To be very selective, to count or recount, enumerate and in the New Testament to speak or to say.

Eklego – Originally came together with the meaning to gather or select something out from something else.

Eklogae – noun – the selection, or chosen one.

Elkektos – adjective – that which is chosen.

Eklegae – refers to careful sifting or selecting on the basis of or in reference to serviceability and aptness.

3 groups in the Bible that were chosen by God

1. "elect angels" - I Timothy 5:21
2. Israel – mine elect – Isaiah 45:4, 65:9, 65:22

3. Church of the body

Deuteronomy 14:2, 7:6-8

In Israel all that were called were not necessarily chosen.

There is a distinction between a call and a choosing.

Call – is a summoning or invitation

Choosing – is a selection.

All of Israel was called but few were chosen.

Romans 9:6-8 – in the Old Testament to be counted you had to stay faithful. Not a sporadic believe today but not tomorrow thing, you had to stay , continuously, faithful.

Romans 9:27 – remnant – only those of Israel who believed will be saved in the end.

Matthew 24:31 – His elect will be gathered “from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

In the church all that were called are also chosen.

Romans 8:29,30 – those that he called he also justified and glorified and made them one with the first born to be conformed to the image of His son.

Romans 9:23,24 – we whom he has called, before and prepared us

II Timothy 1:9 – our calling

Ephesians 4:1 – the calling wherewith you were called.