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QuickMem is provided freely for those who wish to accelerate their study of New Testament Greek. The frequency lists and word definitions are from Bruce M. Metzger's Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek (used with permission). I highly recommend you use this book in conjunction with QuickMem. It contains much more than what I have included here (including such things as accents, mnemonic aids, declensions, preposition charts, etc.) Dr. Metzger's book also contains a second part (not included in QuickMem) listing New Testament words according to their root. It may be obtained by writing to:

Theological Book Agency Princeton Theological Seminary P.O. Box 821 Princeton, NJ 08542

QuickMem Greek is FreeWare and is freely distributable.

Suggested donation to the cause (for those who can afford it): \$10. I have several ideas for improvements to this program but I can only invest my time if I don't have to work elsewhere (I'm a poor starving pastor).

Please do not modify *QuickMem* in any way or use parts of it within your own programs. It is copyrighted even though you are not required to pay for it.

I only wish I had a program such as this when I was in college studying Greek. It would have saved me time and humiliation. Therefore, I want to make this program available to everyone without charge (Matthew 6:20). However, if you would like to send a gift (or even a letter) of appreciation (like a new C++ compiler, computer hardware, cash, etc.) I would not turn it away (and it probably would help me convince my wife that I need to spend more time learning to program).

Please, if you do find any bugs or typographical errors let me know so that they can be corrected.

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The Quiz Window

The Begin button starts the quiz. This button can be used any time you wish to start over and, if Mix is selected, re-mix the words. The quiz process will not begin until you press this button. This is also useful when you want to time yourself while doing a list.

The Reveal button shows the correct answer. You cannot mark a word right or wrong until you have first shown it.

The Yes button marks the vocabulary word correct and then moves you on to the next word.

The No button marks the vocabulary word incorrect and then moves you on to the next word. If mistake tracking is turned "on" and you are doing a Quiz (as opposed to an Errors review), *QuickMem* will save a list of your incorrect answers to disk when you finish the quiz.

The Cancel button stops the quiz and returns you to the Main window. No record of incorrect answers will be made to the disk if you Cancel before you Begin. (If you have Mistake Tracking turned on and you choose a list that you don't want changed, Cancel before you Begin.) If you Cancel prior to competing a quiz, only the words you have marked incorrect up to that point will be saved by Mistake Tracking.

The Main Window

Selecting a Group

The Group drop-down box contains a list of all the available vocabulary quizzes. Select any group from the box in order to be quizzed on that list.

Alternately, pressing the Next button will automatically select the next list unless Short Lists is turned on (see below). If the Short Lists check box is selected, the Next button cycles through the short sections represented by the letters a-k in the list box next to the Group box.

The list box with the letters a-k is used for selecting a short section of the selected vocabulary list. It works in conjunction with the Short Lists feature and the numbers in the box next to it.

Choosing the Order

When the Mix button is selected, *QuickMem* will display the vocabulary list in a random order. This is to keep you from memorizing the order of the words rather than their meanings.

I recommend that when you are learning a new list of vocabulary words you begin with the Original order button set until you are fairly competent with their meanings.

Using the Special Features

In order to selectively review your progress, you will want to periodically turn on Mistake Tracking for each vocabulary list and make a record of which words you are still having difficulty with. This will keep you from having to work through the words you have already mastered while you are trying to learn the more difficult words. The Reset button if for resetting the *entire* Mistake Tracking file. To reset an individual vocabulary list simply redo a Quiz with Mistake Tracking on.

Short Lists is a feature that allows you to break the longer word lists into several smaller lists in order to learn them more quickly. In the drop down box next to the Short Lists check box, you can select how many words you would like to be quizzed on at one time. To select the individual section of each group, use the list box with the letters a-k (where each letter represents the number you have chosen for the length of each short list).

When you feel very confident in your knowledge of the Greek words, try the Reverse Questions/Answers check box. This will display the English translation in the top box and you will have to supply the correct Greek word.

The Main Buttons

The Quiz button begins a quiz with the current vocabulary list and with the other options you have selected on the Main window.

The Errors button begins a quiz but it will only quiz you on the words that you have previously marked incorrect while doing a Quiz with Mistake Tracking on. (If you have not already done this, all the words will be used.) Note that you will not change the contents of the file containing which words you have marked correct or incorrect even if Mistake Tracking is turned on. This is so you can continually review your most difficult words without having to remark the words each time.

The Help button brings up this help file.

The Abort button is for when your brain is full.

Notes

Because the Greek font used is simply the Symbol font shipped with Windows, it lacks all the beautiful diacritical marks that all you Greek scholars would admire. Sorry, but I can't afford to buy a pointed Greek text for all of you. The way I have worked around this difficulty is not to have included any accents in the text (except on $\tau\iota\varsigma'$). Other than that I have only indicated aspiration (rough breathing) at the beginning of each word that requires rough breathing (remember, over a diphthong the breathing mark would be over the second vowel).

I have used the abbreviations acc., dat., and gen. for accusative, dative, and genitive respectively.

One other thing. I apologize for making the Quiz dialog box system modal. Unfortunately, using the Borland Custom Controls has a couple of disadvantages (at least in the release that came with my compiler). I was unable to 'cleanly' redraw the screen if the user moved it or if it became covered up, so I opted for this solution. You won't want to be doing anything else while you study Greek vocab anyway, will you?

Revision History

This is the first revision correcting three typographical errors in the Greek vocabulary words.