

About Bible Versions

In my opinion there are 4 kinds of Bible translations:

1. Literal
2. Exact or Precise
3. Dynamic
4. Paraphrase

NIV is generally considered a Dynamic version. Pretty exact but sometimes just easier to read these days.

Exact is the New American Standard Bible [NASB] by the Lockman Foundation. It is the best English language one there is. It strives to translate the Hebrew or Greek word with the same English word the same time every time. Publishers are apparently believers with very high standards.

Literal is difficult to read because it translates the NT Greek literally. Words are all out of order etc.

Paraphrase is not really a translation. It is "in other words."

KJV is full of out-of-date words and phrases and arbitrary changes by the translators in 1609.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/> is the most complete and still easy to use online bible site. Has many versions that you can change to with a click.

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