

Lexicon :: Strong's G1398 - *douleuō*

δουλεύω

Transliteration

douleuō

Pronunciation

dool-yoo'-o

Part of Speech

verb

Root Word (Etymology)

From δούλος (G1401)

Greek Inflections of δουλεύω

TR

25x in 13 unique form(s)

δεδουλεύκαμεν — 1x

δουλεύει — 1x

δουλεύειν — 8x

δουλεύετε — 2x

δουλευέτωσαν — 1x

δουλεύοντες — 3x

δουλεύουσιν — 1x

δουλεύσει — 1x

δουλεύσωσιν — 1x

δουλεύω — 2x

δουλεύων — 2x

ἐδουλεύσατε — 1x

ἐδούλευσεν — 1x

Dictionary Aids

Vine's Expository Dictionary:

TDNT Reference:

KJV Translation Count — Total: 25x

The KJV translates Strong's G1398 in the following manner: serve (18x), be in bondage (4x), do service (3x).

Outline of Biblical Usage

I. to be a slave, serve, do service

A. of a nation in subjection to other nations

II. metaph. to obey, submit to

A. in a good sense, to yield obedience

B. in a bad sense, of those who become slaves to some base power, to yield to, give one's self up to

Strong's Definitions

δουλεύω *douleuō*, dool-yoo'-o; from **G1401**; to be a slave to (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntary):—be in bondage, (do) serve(-ice).

Thayer's Greek Lexicon (Jump to Scripture Index)

δουλεύω; future **δουλεύσω**; 1 aorist **ἔδούλευσα**; perfect **δεδούλευκα**; (**δοῦλος**); Sept. for **דָּבַד**;

1. properly, **to be a slave, serve, do service**: absolutely, Ephesians 6:7; 1 Timothy 6:2; **τινί** Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13; Romans 9:12; said of nations in subjection to other nations, John 8:33; Acts 7:7; men are said **δουλεύειν** who bear the yoke of the Mosaic law, Galatians 4:25 (see **δουλεία**).

2. metaphorically, **to obey, submit to**;

a. in a good sense: absolutely, **to yield obedience**, Romans 7:6; **τινί**, **to obey one's commands and render to him the services due**, Luke 15:29; God: Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; **κυρίῳ** and **τῷ κυρίῳ**, Acts 20:19; Romans 12:11 (not Rec.st, see below); Ephesians 6:7; Christ: Romans 14:18; Colossians 3:24; **νόμῳ θεοῦ**, according to the context, **feel myself bound to**, Romans 7:25; **τοῖς θεοῖς**, to worship gods, Galatians 4:8; **τῷ καιρῷ** (Anth. 9, 441, 6), wisely adapt oneself to, Romans 12:11 Rec.st (see above), cf. Fritzsche at the passage; perform services of kindness and Christian love: **ἀλλήλοις**, Galatians 5:13; used of those who zealously advance the interests of anything: **ὡς πατρὶ τέκνον σὺν ἐμοὶ ἐδούλευσεν εἰς τὸ εὐαγγέλιον** equivalent to **ὡς πατρὶ τέκνον δουλεύει, ἐμοὶ ἐδούλευσεν καὶ οὕτω σὺν ἐμοὶ ἐδούλ.**, etc. Philippians 2:22 [Winers Grammar, 422 (393); 577 (537)].

b. in a bad sense, of those who become slaves to some base power, **to yield to, give oneself up to**: **τῇ ἀμαρτίᾳ**, Romans 6:6; **νόμῳ ἀμαρτίας**, Romans 7:25; **ἐπιθυμίαις κ. ἡδοναῖς**, Titus 3:3, (Xenophon, mem. 1, 5, 5; Apology Socrates 16; Plato, Phaedrus, p. 238 e.; Polybius 17, 15, 16; Herodian, 1, 17, 22 [9, Bekker edition]); **τῇ κοιλίᾳ**, Romans 16:18, (**γαστρί**, Anthol. 11, 410, 4; Xenophon, mem. 1, 6, 8; *abdomini servire*, Seneca, de benef. 7, 26, 4; *ventri obedire*, Sall. [Cat. 1:1]); **μαμωνᾶ**, to devote oneself to getting wealth: Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13. **τοῖς στοιχείοις τοῦ κόσμου**, Galatians 4:9.

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Concordance Results Shown Using the KJV

Strong's Number **G1398** matches the Greek
 δουλεύω (*douleuō*),
 which occurs 25 times in **23** verses in the **TR**
Greek.

Mat 6:24

No man can serve **G1398** two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve **G1398** God and mammon.

Luk 15:29

And he answering said to *his* father, Lo, these many years do I serve **G1398** thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

Luk 16:13

No servant can serve **G1398** two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve **G1398** God and mammon.

Jhn 8:33

They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were **G1398** → never in bondage **G1398** to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

Act 7:7

And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage **G1398** will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

Act 20:19

Serving **G1398** the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

Rom 6:6

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should **G1398** → not serve **G1398** sin.

Rom 7:6

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve **G1398** in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

Rom 7:25

I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve **G1398** the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Rom 9:12

It was said unto her, The elder shall serve **G1398** the younger.

Rom 12:11

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving **G1398** the Lord;

Rom 14:18

For he that in these things serveth **G1398** Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Rom 16:18

For they that are such serve **G1398** not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Gal 4:8

Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service **G1398** unto them which by nature are no gods.

Gal 4:9

But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? **G1398**

Gal 4:25

For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage **G1398** with her children.

Gal 5:13

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve **G1398** one another.

Eph 6:7

With good will doing service, **G1398** as to the Lord, and not to men:

Phi 2:22

But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served **G1398** with me in the gospel.

Col 3:24

Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve **G1398** the Lord Christ.

1Th 1:9

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve **G1398** the living and true God;

1Ti 6:2

And they that have believing masters, let them not despise *them*, because they

are brethren; but rather do *them* service, **G1398** because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

Tit 3:3

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving **G1398** divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.