

# Paul – His Theology



Church Structure  
Final

## Lesson 51

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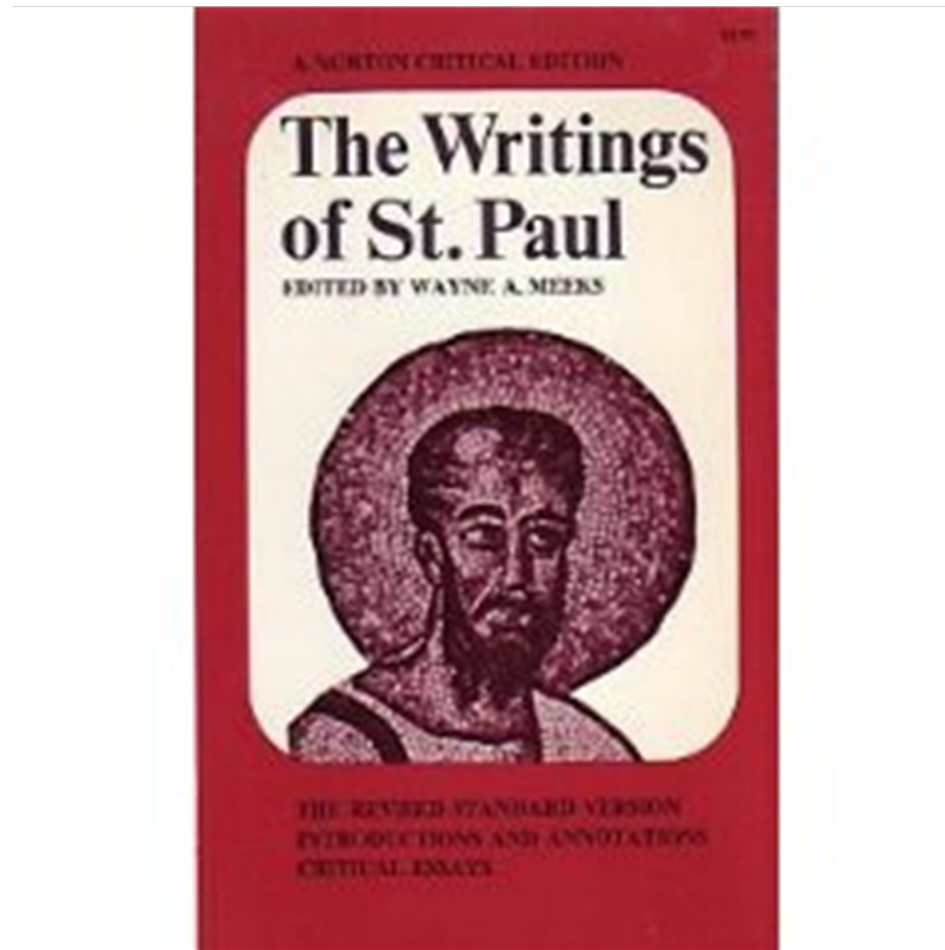
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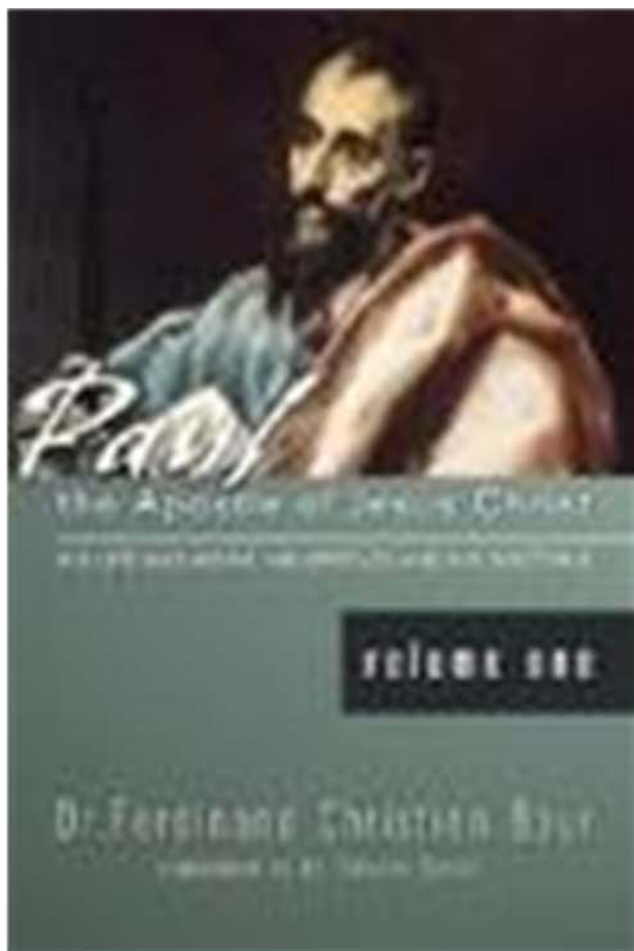
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THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION  
INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOTATIONS  
CRITICAL ESSAYS

# “Works of the Pauline School”



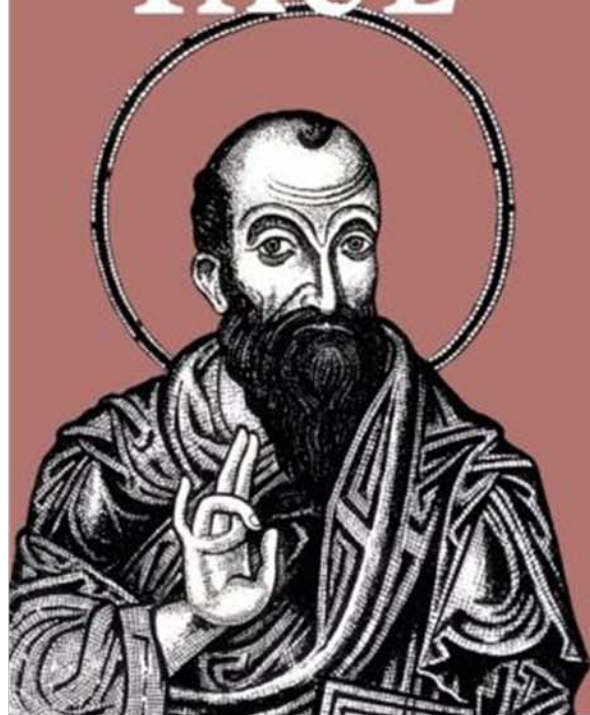


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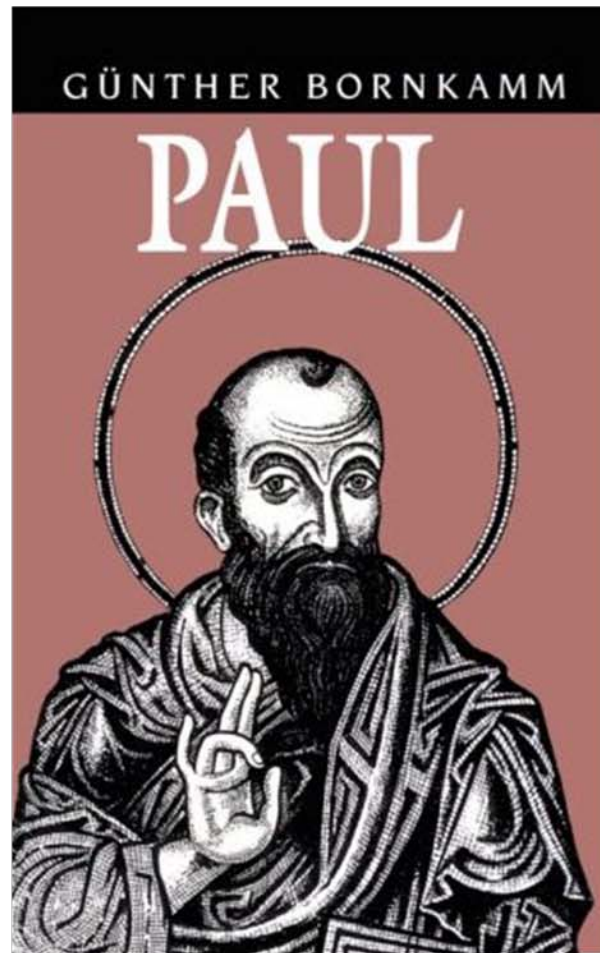


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# PAUL



“The following are regarded as deuterio-Pauline”





# What did PAUL write?





Can someone question Paul's authorship and still be a Christian?



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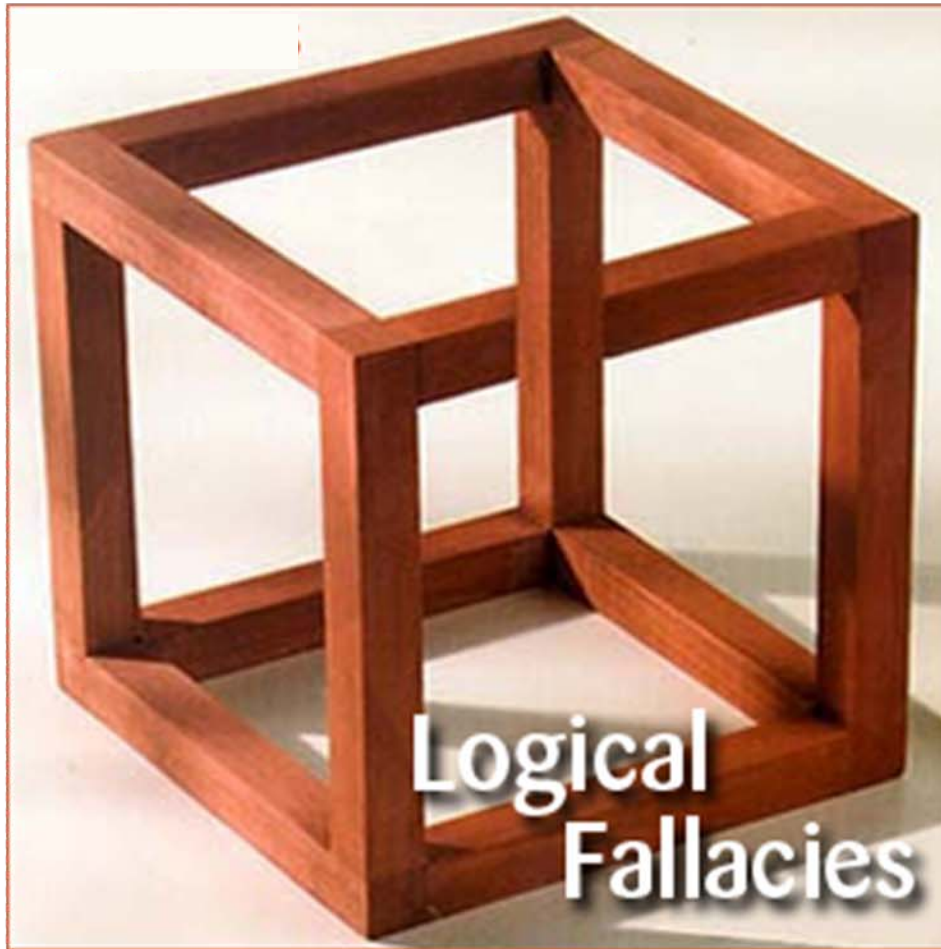
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# Be careful of pseudo-intellectualism



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## Primary vs. Secondary Research



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**Who thinks Paul would spend his life starting churches but not see they sustain?**

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# Consider the example of Paul and his view on the end times

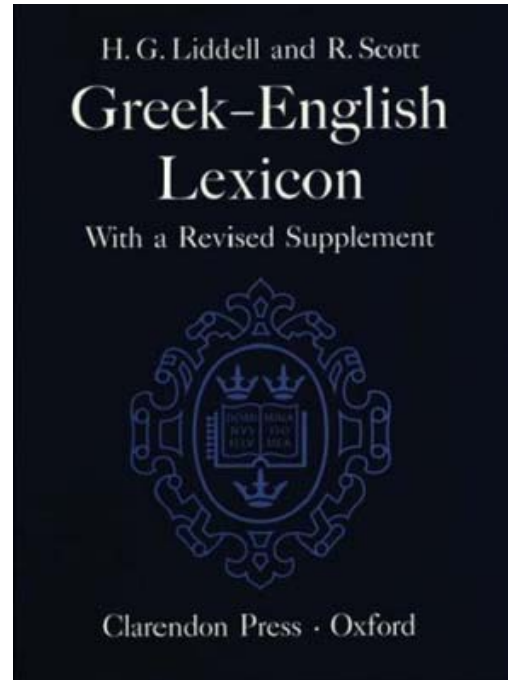
1 Thess. 4:15

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1 Cor. 6:14

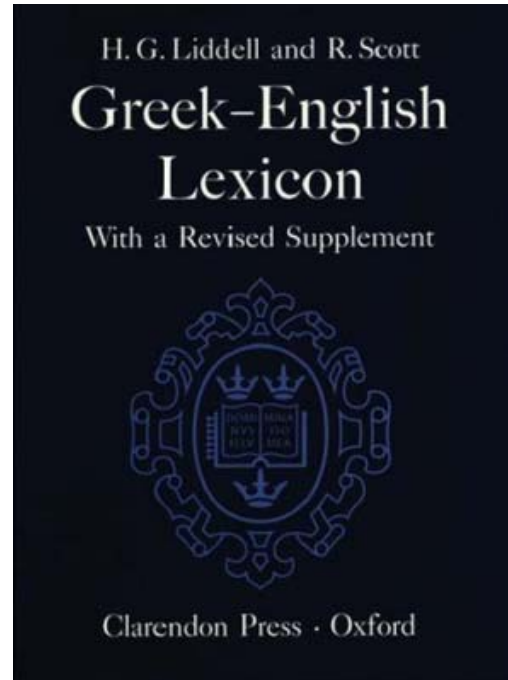


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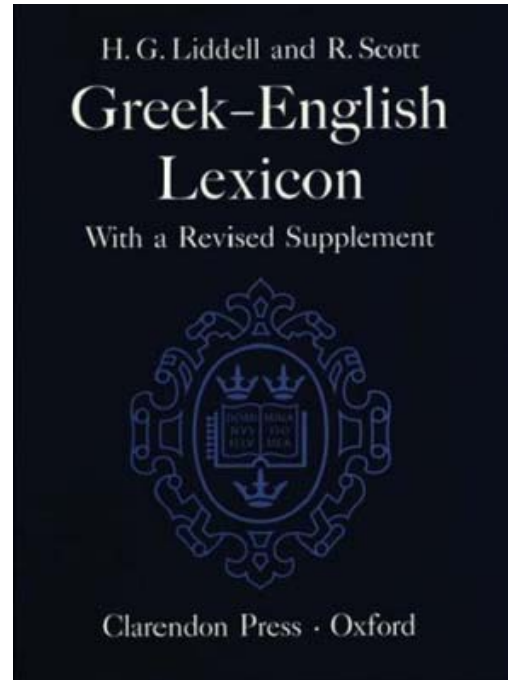
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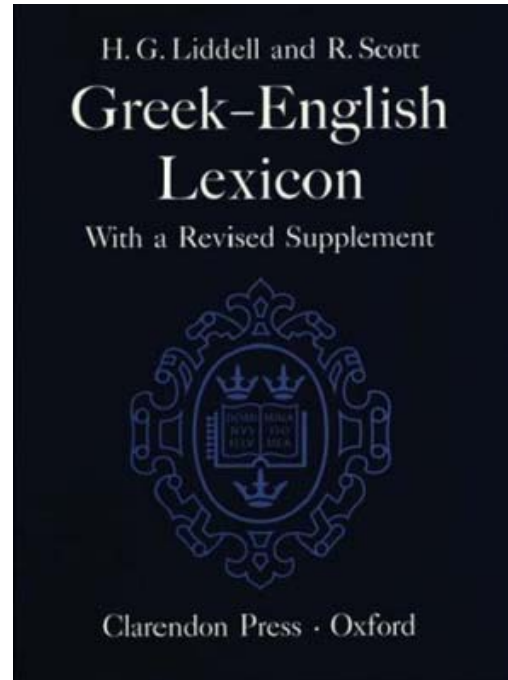


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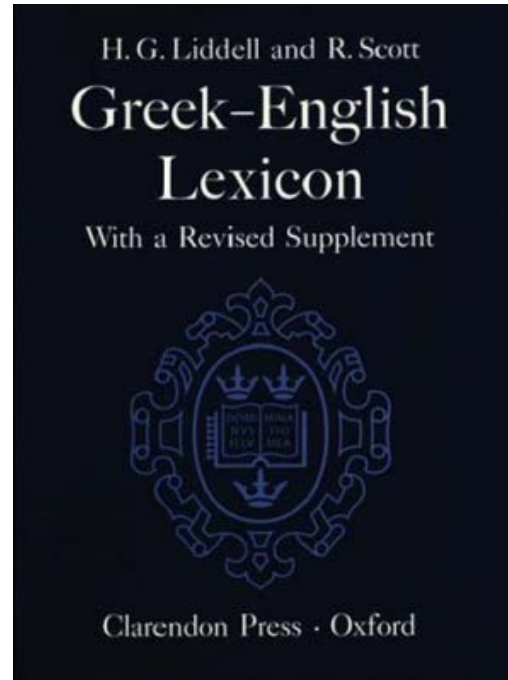


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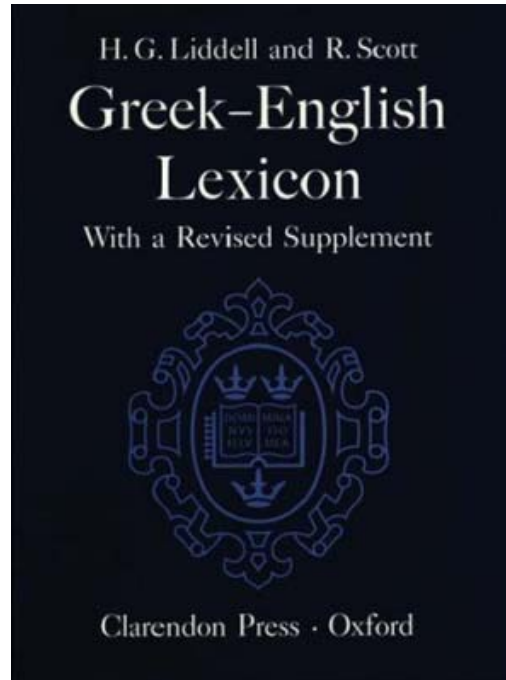
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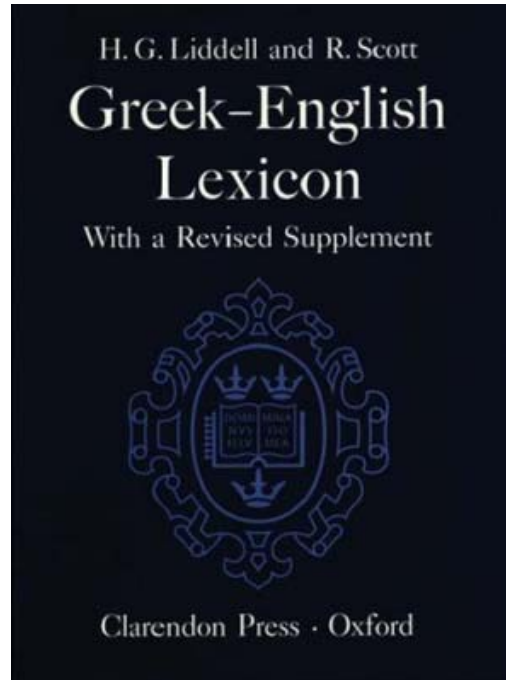
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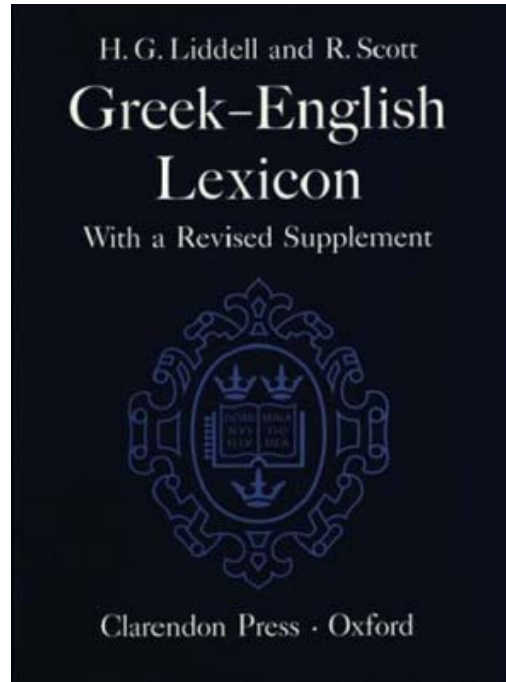


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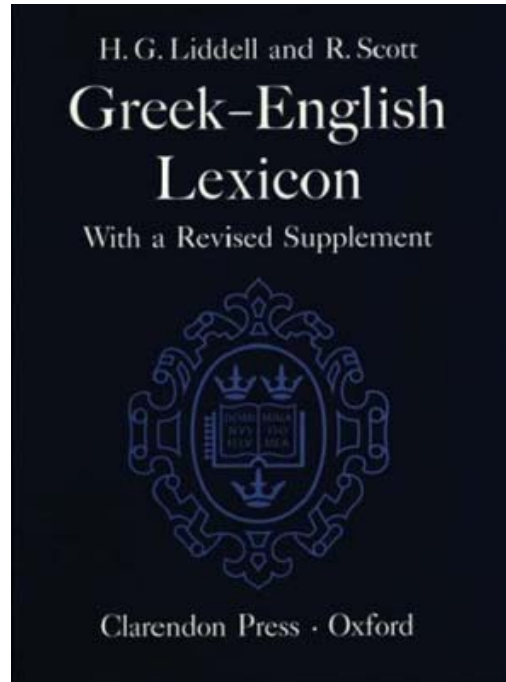
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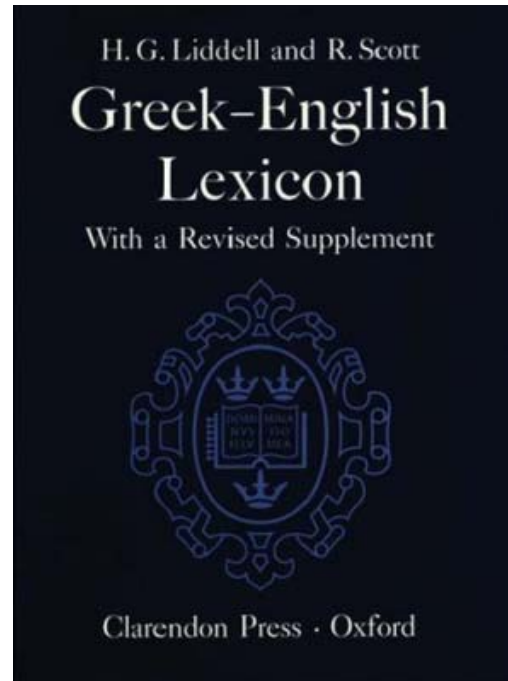
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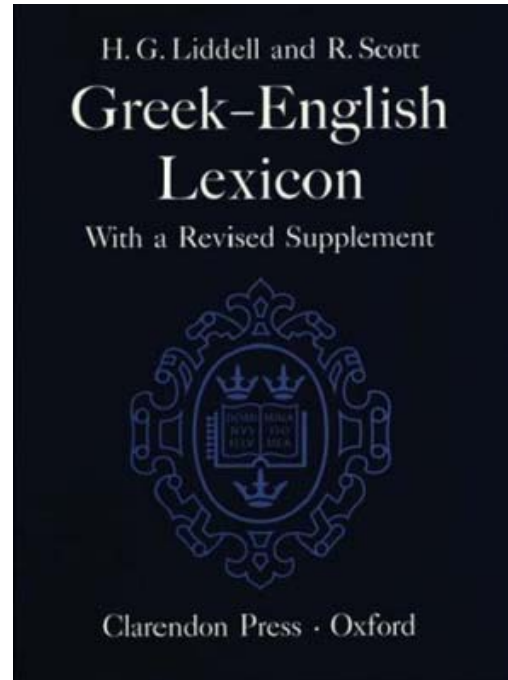
Based on 1 Pet. 2:25 some use the  
word “pastor”

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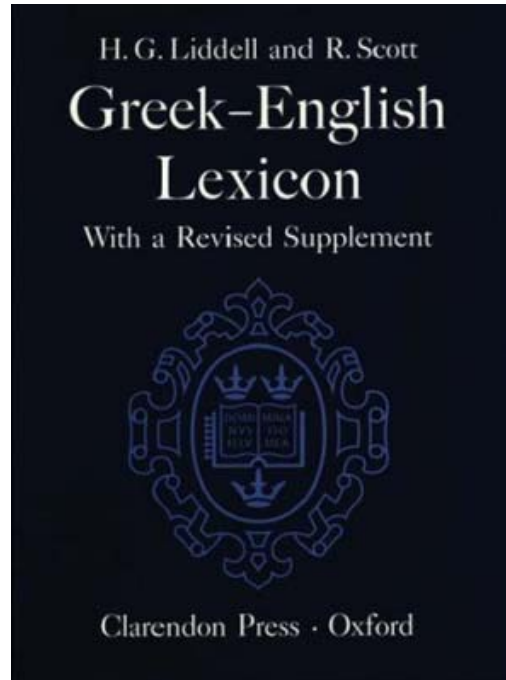
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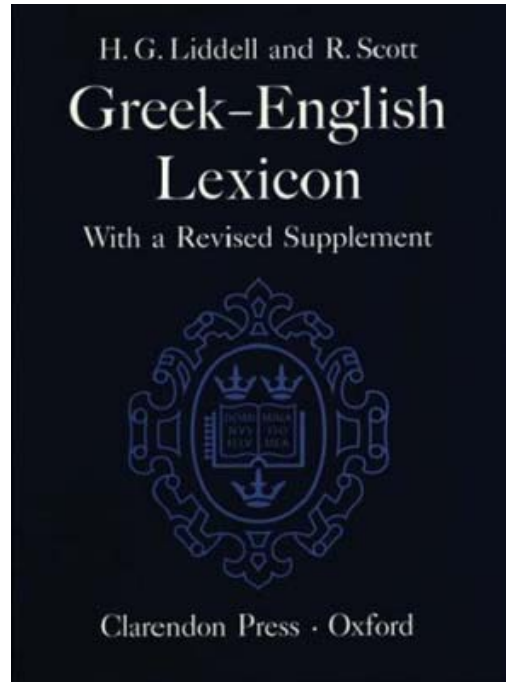
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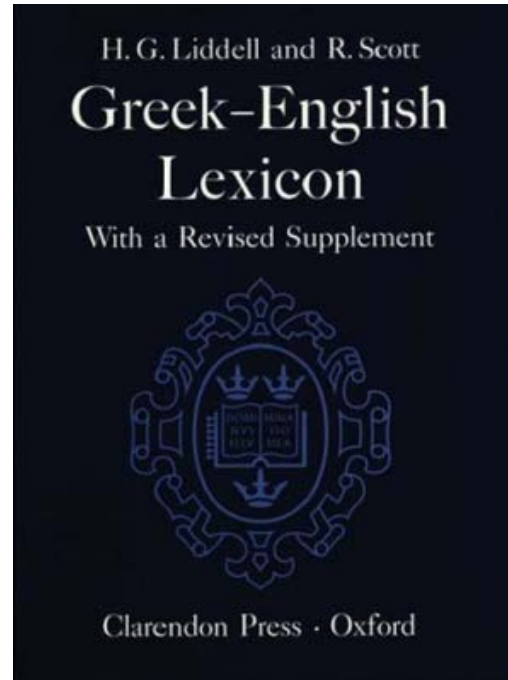
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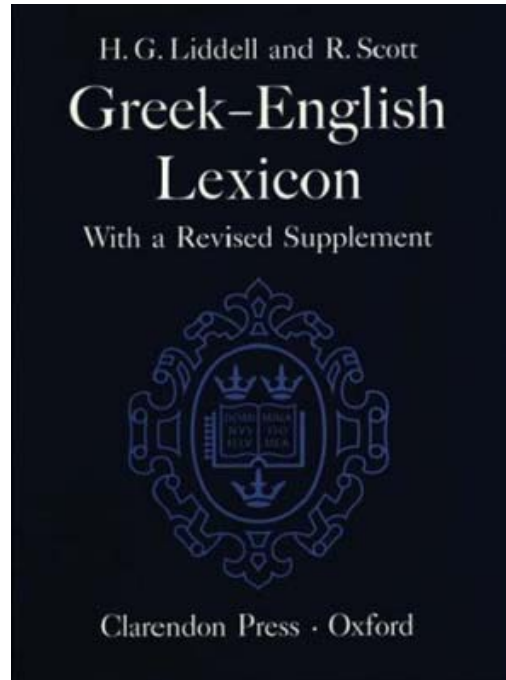
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**COMING  
ATTRactions**



Paul on the role of  
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***Leadership is important;  
Leaders are important***



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***What is the emphasis of the  
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