CHOOSING A BIBLE TRANSLATION

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There is a thoughtful PDF by Daniel Wallace available from Bible Study Magazine on choosing an English Translation. It gives a good introduction at a popular level and it's the sort of thing that you might want to bookmark so that you can show it to a friend who wants to know which is the best translation or who insists that only the AV (or RSV, NIV etc) will do.

> *To the question: Which translation is best?â€"There can be no singular answer. I suggest that every Christian who is serious about studying the Bible own at least two translations. At least one formal equivalence (word-for-word) translation and one functional equivalence (phrase-for-phrase) translation. It would be even better to have two good functional equivalence translations because in this type of translation, the translator is also the interpreter. If the translatorâ€™s interpretation is correct, it can only clarify the meaning of the text; if it is incorrect, then it only clarifies the interpretation of the translator! (Read More)*