

2309. Strong's Dictionary Study

2309. thelo {thel'-o}; or ethelo {eth-el'-o}; in certain tenses theleo {thel'-eh'-o}; and etheleo {eth-el'-eh'-o}; which are otherwise obsolete; apparently strengthened from the alternate form of 138; to determine (as an active option from subjective impulse; whereas 1014 properly denotes rather a passive acquiescence in objective considerations), i.e. choose or prefer (literally or figuratively); by implication, to wish, i.e. be inclined to (sometimes adverbially, gladly); impersonally for the future tense, to be about to; by Hebraism, to delight in: -- desire, be disposed (forward), intend, list, love, mean, please, have rather, (be) will (have, -ling, -ling[-ly]). [q]

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