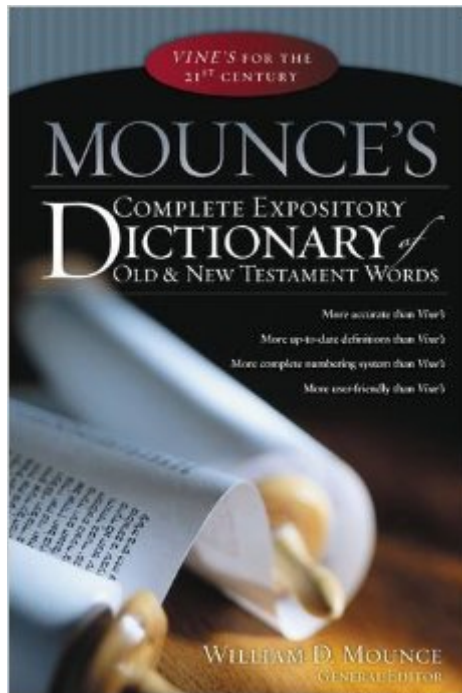


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wording, and the fact that OT and NT words are not divided into entirely separate sections of the book is logical and convenient. Finally, the inclusion of concise, "Strong's-like" lexicons at the end of the book is a nice touch. The complaints: Despite its claims of being "complete," it is most certainly not so. Only when closely examining the Introduction does one understand the curious inability to locate certain words: "It includes all Greek words occurring TEN times or more, all Hebrew words occurring FIFTY times or more, and other words occurring less if they are exegetically or theologically significant." (Emphasis added by reviewer.) This makes sense if and only if concision is the overriding goal. After a bit of consideration, it is easy to realize that it is often those words LEAST used that are MOST in need of careful definition and exposition. This is a significant drawback, and in my opinion makes the title of the book misleading if not outrightly untruthful. Involved in a debate about the Biblical teaching about homosexuality? Sorry, except for the very brief entry in the Strong's-type lexicon in the back of the book, you won't find any mention of "arsenokoites" in this tome. In contrast to Vine, Mounce also seems to provide "exposition" that avoids some of the ongoing controversies in Christianity.

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