

Uses of the Greek *pros* (NT:4314)

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Direction: “to, toward, or unto” – always preceded by a transitive action verb

Return *to*

Went *to*

Come *to*

Said *to*; our word *to* you [i.e. spoken to you];

Go *to*

Gathered *to* him

Send *to*

Lead *to*

Brought *to*

Drag *to*

Withdrew *to* [a place]

Show *to*

Pass *to*

Cry *to*

Pray *to*

Told *to* them

Turned *to* the woman

Spoke the parable *against* them; murmured *against* his disciples; kick *against* the goad

Moses, *because of* the hardness of their hearts [i.e. *against* the hardness...]

What you spoke *in* the ear

Wondering *to* himself; exercise yourself *to* godliness

Accuse you *to* the Father

If he tarry... what [is that] *to* you? [i.e. what does that mean to you?]

Purpose: “for the purpose or benefit of, with the intent to, in order to”

Look at a woman *to* lust after her

Give your alms *to* be seen by men

Gathered... *to* be burned

Sent *to*... *that* they might receive; *so* we would not burden you (1Thes.2:9)

For my burying, *for* what intent he spoke [i.e. why] (Jn. 13:28); *for* which

Take some meat *for* your health; *for* whom Paul entered and prayed; not worthy *for* the glory

Enough *to* finish; I speak this not *to* condemn you.

Begs *for* peace (Lk. 14:32); sat *for* alms

To demonstrate (Rom. 3:26); I speak *to* your shame (1Cor. 6:5)

Position: “With, at, near, by, among, or against” – typically noun-prep-noun

Aren't his sisters and brothers all *with* us? I sat *with* you

Dash your foot *against* a stone

I will keep the Passover *at* your house; he fell *at* his feet

Reasoned *among* themselves; fought *among* themselves [one to another]

Near the mountain; it was *toward* evening [near in time]; *near* the harvest

The axe is laid *to* the root

A man will cleave *to* his wife

A sin [noun] toward death (1Jn. 5:16-17) and also,

Toward the Angels, *Toward* the Son, etc. (Heb. 1:7,8; 2:17; 5:1; 11:18; 2Pet. 1:3) [the context of these verses would suggest that *pros* there means “concerning” or “pertaining to”]

Buried her *by* her husband

Nor did *according to* his will (Lk. 12:47) [one thing aligned with or against another]

Made a covenant *with* our fathers (Acts 3:25); argued *with* them

offense/faith/confidence *toward* God (Acts 24:16; 1Thess. 1:8; 1Jn. 3:21);

Having patience *toward* all men

Duration: “for”

For awhile; *for* a time; *for* a season; *for* a few days; *for* the present;