

## SEARCHING BIBLOS

This is a two part assignment. **First**, read the online *Long Guide to BIBLOS*. The “Try-It-Yourself” exercises that are part of the Guide give you the option of doing some hands-on searches as you read the guide. Find it here: <http://library.dts.edu/Pages/RM/DBM/BIBLOS/lg.shtml>  
(Note uppercase letters in link.)

**Second**, print this form and complete the answers by hand. If you are asked to “show a search,” indicate the exact terms and syntax, including which category to search. (The categories are Author, Title, Subject, etc.) Here is a sample answer.

**Sample question:** Show a search for items written by John Smith

**Sample answer:** Pick Author category and search using last name first like this: Smith John.

You needn't draw pictures for your answers, but the sample answer is equivalent to this:

smith john	author ▼	<b>Search</b>
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Spend 2 or 3 hours answering these questions. Pace yourself so you have time to try every question. Submit your completed assignment as per syllabus. This assignment will be credited on a pass/fail basis and even a wrong answer can get credit. We will go over answers in class.

1. Bible passage searches
  - A. Show a search for material about the Gospel of Matthew
  
  - B. Show a search for material about Matthew chapter 4, verse 4. See a problem? If so, suggest a solution.
  
  - C. Show a search for material about the Gospel of John. See a problem? If so, suggest a solution.
  
  - D. Show a search for John 4.

2. Correct the errors.

Want item about	Incorrect search	Correct search
justification from either Luther's or Calvin's perspective (not limited to stuff they wrote)	justification and Luther or Calvin	
law in the epistle to the Galations	law and Galations	

2. Continued

Want item about	Incorrect search	Correct search
Chapter 15 of the first epistle to the Corinthians	1 Corinthians 15	
twenty-third psalm	psalm 23	
Priesthood in the epistle to the Hebrews	priesthood in Hebrews	

3. Joe Seminarian wants books by Chuck Swindoll, former president of DTS. He searches “Everything: Swindoll, Chuck” and retrieves about 30 records. Because this search retrieves some correct records, he mistakenly thinks it is a successful search. It is not.

Most works authored by Chuck Swindoll are not listed. Why?

A few are listed because:

A better way to search is:

4. Show a search for VIDEOS on the family and related topics.
5. If you search for Time magazine this way “Title: time” you will retrieve 2000+ records. Not good. There are at least four more precise ways to look for the right record. Show one.
6. What is the title of the book Dr. Franz Bibfeldt has on reserve ?

What is the title of the book about him (not on reserve)?

7. Mary Seminarian wants material on Jonathan, son of King Saul. An initial search for “everything: Jonathan” yields 1000+ items, but very few are about the right Jonathan. She then limits just to Subject (LCSH only), but that still matches over 250, and still very few are about the right Jonathan.

What is the correct Library of Congress heading?

How did you find the correct heading? (This is the important part of the question.)

8. Our topic is clergy working together as a pastoral team in the local church, with emphasis on teamwork.

What is the LC subject heading for this topic?

How did you find helpful search terms? (Again, this is the important part of the question.)

9. Our topic is the effects of divorce on children. Spend a little extra time.

Show a **thorough** search for this topic:

How did the need to be thorough shape your work?

10. Suppose your search retrieves exactly what you want, but many of the best works are checked out (on loan to other students). What alternatives do you have? What can you do?