

Key Biblical Term –terms with multiple senses - handout

pneuma

Sense 1 – “demon, evil spirit”

Luke 6:18 Those troubled by evil *spirits* were cured. (NIV)

Sense 2 – “angel, good spirit”

Heb. 1:14 Are they not all ministering *spirits* sent forth to serve? (RSV)
Are not all *angels* ministering *spirits* sent to serve ...? (NIV)

Sense 3 – “Spirit of God, Holy Spirit” – the spirit of God himself

Acts 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy *Spirit* and began to speak in other tongues as the *Spirit* enabled them. (RSV)

Sense 4 – “part of the human personality”

Mat. 26:41 The *spirit* is willing but the body is weak. (RSV)

Sense 5 – “ghost, spirit of a dead person”

Luke 24:37 And they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a *spirit*. (RSV)
They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a *ghost*. (NIV)

Sense 6 – “wind”

John 3:8 The *wind* blows where it pleases. (NIV)

Sense 7 – “breath”

2 Thes. 2:8 The Lord Jesus will slay him with the *breath* of his mouth. (RSV)

sarx

Sense 1 – “the physical substance that covers the bones of the body”

Luke 24:39 ... a ghost does not have *flesh* and bones, as you see I have. (NIV)
... ghosts don't have *bodies*, as you see that I do! (NLT)

John 6:52 How can this man give us his *flesh* to eat? (NIV)

Sense 2 – “human beings, people in general”

Luke 3:6 All *flesh* shall see the salvation of God. (RSV)
All *mankind* will see God's salvation. (NIV)

Gal. 1:16 I did not confer with *flesh* and blood. (RSV)
I didn't talk this over with *anyone*. (CEV)

Sense 3 – “fallen human nature”

John 8:15 You judge according to the *flesh*. (RSV)
You judge by *human standards* ... (NIV)

Romans 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is in my *flesh*. (RSV)
... that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my *sinful nature*. (NIV)