

## κοπιᾶω – to work hard, labor

[UBS] κοπιᾶω work, work hard, labor (πολλά κ. work hard [Ro 16.6, 12](#)); become tired, grow weary

[Fri] κοπιᾶω 1aor. ἐκοπίασα; pf. κεκοπίακα; (1) physically *become weary or tired* ([JN 4.6](#)); (2) of strong exertions *work hard, strive, struggle* ([1T 4.10](#)); (3) emotionally *become discouraged, give up* ([RV 2.3](#))

[LN] κοπιᾶω (a) labor 42.47 (b) be tired 23.78 (c) lose heart 25.289

42.47 κοπιᾶω ; κόπος, ου *m*: to engage in hard work, implying difficulties and trouble - 'hard work, toil, to work hard, to toil, to labor.' κοπιᾶω: δι' ὅλης νυκτὸς κοπιᾶσαντες οὐδὲν ἐλάβομεν 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing' [Lk 5.5](#). κόπος: ἐν κόπῳ καὶ μόχθῳ 'in hard work and toil' [2 Th 3.8](#)

23.78 κοπιᾶω: to be tired or weary, as the result of hard or difficult endeavor - 'to be tired, to be weary.' δεῦτε πρὸς με πάντες οἱ κοπιῶντες καὶ πεφορτισμένοι 'come to me all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads' [Mt 11.28](#). It is also possible, however, to interpret κοπιᾶω in [Mt 11.28](#) as κοπιᾶω 'to work hard' (see 42.47). ὁ οὖν Ἰησοῦς κεκοπιακῶς ἐκ τῆς ὁδοιπορίας ἐκαθέζετο 'Jesus became tired because of the trip and sat down' [Jn 4.6](#).

25.289 κοπιᾶω: (a figurative extension of meaning of κοπιᾶω 'to be tired,' 23.78) to become emotionally fatigued and discouraged - 'to give up, to lose heart.' ἐβάστασας διὰ τὸ ὄνομά μου, καὶ οὐ κεκοπίακες 'you have suffered for my sake and have not given up' [Re 2.3](#).

[LS] κοπιᾶω, f. ἄσω [ᾶ]: aor. i ἐκοπίασα, pf. κεκοπίακα: (κόπος):-to be tired, grow weary, Ar., N.T. II. to work hard, toil, N.T.

[LEH] κοπιᾶω+ - V 2-8-20-8-13-51 - [Dt 25,18](#)(bis); [Jos 24,13](#); [Jgs](#)<sup>B</sup> 5,26; [1 Sm 6,12](#) - to be tired, to grow or be weary [Dt 25,18](#); to work hard, to toil, to labour [abs.]. [Sir 31,3](#); *id.* [ἐπί τι] [Jos 24,13](#); κοπιῶντες workmen [Jgs](#)<sup>B</sup> 5,26 - \*[1 Sm 6,12](#) καὶ ἐκοπίων and they laboured - ♦עגג for MT עגג ♦עגג and they bellowed; \*[1 Sm 17,39](#) καὶ ἐκοπίασεν and he laboured, he tried to - ♦עגג for MT עגג ♦עגג and he decided to?; \*[2 Sm 23,7](#) κοπιᾶσει he shall labour - עגג ♦עגג for MT עגג ♦עגג he shall touch? - Cf. SPICQ 1982, 407-412; WALTERS 1973, 130-131; →NIDNTT; TWNT

[Thayer] κοπιᾶω, κοπιῶ (3 person plural κοπιουσιν (for κοπιῶσιν), [Matt. 6:28](#) Tr; cf. ἐρωτάω, at the beginning); 1 aorist ἐκοπίασα; perfect κεκοπίακα (2 person singular κεκοπίακες, [Rev. 2:3](#) L T Tr WH, cf. (Winer's Grammar, sec. 13, 2 c.); Buttman, 43 (38) (and his translation of Apollonius Dyscolus, p. 54 n.; Tdf. Proleg., p. 123; WH's Appendix, p. 166; Sophocles' Lexicon, p. 39)); (κόπος, which see); 1. as in Aristophanes, Josephus, Plutarch, others, to grow weary, tired, exhausted, (with toil or burdens or grief): [Matt. 11:28](#); [Rev. 2:3](#); κεκοπιακῶς ἐκ τῆς ὁδοιπορίας, [John 4:6](#) (ὑπὸ τῆς ὁδοιπορίας, Josephus, Antiquities 2, 15, 3; δραμοῦνται καὶ οὐ κοπιᾶσουσι, [Isa. 40:31](#)). 2. in Biblical Greek alone, to labor with wearisome effort, to toil (the Septuagint for עגג); of bodily labor: absolutely, [Matt. 6:28](#); [Luke 5:5](#); [12:27](#) (not Tdf.); [John 4:38](#); [Acts 20:35](#); [1 Cor. 4:12](#); [Eph. 4:28](#); [2 Tim. 2:6](#) (cf. Winer's Grammar, 556 (517); Buttman, 390 (334)); τί, upon a thing, [John 4:38](#). of the toilsome efforts of teachers in proclaiming and promoting the kingdom of God and Christ: [1 Cor. 15:10](#); [16:16](#) (cf. [John 4:38](#)); followed by ἐν with the dative of the thing in which one labors, ἐν λόγῳ καὶ διδασκαλίᾳ, [1 Tim. 5:17](#); ἐν ὑμῖν, among you, [1 Thess. 5:12](#); ἐν κυρίῳ (see ἐν, l. 6 b., p. 211b middle (L brackets the clause)), [Rom. 16:12](#); εἰς τινα, for one, for his benefit, [Rom. 16:6](#); [Gal. 4:11](#) (cf. Buttman, 242 (200); Winer's Grammar, 503 (469)); εἰς τοῦτο, looking to this (viz. that piety has the promise of life), [1 Tim. 4:10](#); εἰς ὃ, to which end, [Col. 1:29](#); εἰς κενόν, in vain, [Phil. 2:16](#) (κενῶς ἐκοπίασα, of the frustrated labor of the prophets, [Isa. 49:4](#)).\*

[GING] κοπιᾶω—1. become weary, tired [Mt 11:28](#); [J 4:6](#); [Rv 2:3](#).—2. work hard, toil, strive, struggle [Mt 6:28](#); [J 4:38b](#); [Ac 20:35](#); [Ro 16:6, 12](#); [1 Cor 4:12](#); [Phil 2:16](#); [Col 1:29](#); [1 Ti 5:17](#). Labor for [J 4:38a](#). [pg 111]

**Matthew 6:28** "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither **toil** nor spin;

καὶ περὶ ἐνδύματος τί μεριμνᾶτε; καταμάθετε τὰ κρίνα τοῦ ἀγροῦ πῶς αὐξάνουσιν· οὐ κοπιῶσιν οὐδὲ νήθουσιν·

**Matthew 11:28** "Come to Me, all you who **labor** and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Δεῦτε πρὸς με πάντες οἱ κοπιῶντες καὶ πεφορτισμένοι, κἀγὼ ἀναπαύσω ὑμᾶς.

**Luke 5:5** But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have **toiled** all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς Σίμων εἶπεν· ἐπιστάτα, δι' ὅλης νυκτὸς κοπιᾶσαντες οὐδὲν ἐλάβομεν· ἐπὶ δὲ τῷ ῥήματί σου χαλάσω τὰ δίκτυα.

**Luke 12:27** "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither **toil** nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

κατανοήσατε τὰ κρίνα πῶς αὐξάνει· οὐ κοπιᾶ οὐδὲ νήθει· λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν, οὐδὲ Σολομῶν ἐν πάσῃ τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ περιεβάλετο ὡς ἓν τούτων.

**John 4:6** Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, **being wearied** from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ πηγή τοῦ Ἰακώβ. ὁ οὖν Ἰησοῦς κεκοπιακῶς ἐκ τῆς ὁδοιπορίας ἐκαθέζετο οὕτως ἐπὶ τῇ πηγῇ· ὥρα ἦν ὡς ἕκτη.

**John 4:38** "I sent you to reap that for which you **have not labored**; **others have labored**, and you have entered into their labors."

ἐγὼ ἀπέστειλα ὑμᾶς θερίζειν ὃ οὐχ ὑμεῖς κεκοπιάκατε· ἄλλοι κεκοπιάκασιν καὶ ὑμεῖς εἰς τὸν κόπον αὐτῶν εἰσεληλύθατε.

**Acts 20:35** "I have shown you in every way, by **laboring** like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν ὅτι οὕτως κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, μνημονεῖν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπεν· μακάριόν ἐστιν μᾶλλον διδόναι ἢ λαμβάνειν.

**Romans 16:6** Greet Mary, who **labored** much for us.

ἀσπάσασθε Μαρίαν, ἣτις πολλὰ ἐκοπίασεν εἰς ὑμᾶς.

**Romans 16:12** Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who **have labored** in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who **labored** much in the Lord.

ἀσπάσασθε Τρυφαιναιαν καὶ Τρυφῶσαν τὰς κοπιώσας ἐν κυρίῳ. ἀσπάσασθε Περσιίδα τὴν ἀγαπητὴν, ἣτις πολλὰ ἐκοπίασεν ἐν κυρίῳ.

**1 Corinthians 4:12** And we **labor**, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;

καὶ κοπιῶμεν ἐργαζόμενοι ταῖς ἰδίαις χερσίν· λοιδορούμενοι εὐλογοῦμεν, διωκόμενοι ἀνεχόμεθα,

**1 Corinthians 15:10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I **labored** more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me.

χάριτι δὲ θεοῦ εἰμι ὃ εἰμι, καὶ ἡ χάρις αὐτοῦ ἡ εἰς ἐμὲ οὐ κενὴ ἐγενήθη, ἀλλὰ περισσότερον αὐτῶν πάντων ἐκοπίασα, οὐκ ἐγὼ δὲ ἀλλὰ ἡ χάρις τοῦ θεοῦ [ἡ] σὺν ἐμοί.

**1 Corinthians 16:16** that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and **labors** with *us*.

ἵνα καὶ ὑμεῖς ὑποτάσσησθε τοῖς τοιοῦτοις καὶ παντὶ τῷ συνεργῶντι καὶ κοπιῶντι.

**Galatians 4:11** I am afraid for you, lest **I have labored** for you in vain.

φοβοῦμαι ὑμᾶς μή πως εἰκὴ κεκοπίακα εἰς ὑμᾶς.

**Ephesians 4:28** Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather **let him labor**, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

ὁ κλέπτων μηκέτι κλεπτέτω, μᾶλλον δὲ κοπιᾷ ἐργαζόμενος ταῖς [ιδίαις] χερσίν τὸ ἀγαθόν, ἵνα ἔχη μεταδιδόναι τῷ χρείαν ἔχοντι.

**Philippians 2:16** holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or **labored** in vain.

λόγον ζωῆς ἐπέχοντες, εἰς καύχημα ἐμοὶ εἰς ἡμέραν Χριστοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ εἰς κενὸν ἔδραμον οὐδὲ εἰς κενὸν ἐκοπίασα.

**Colossians 1:29** To this *end* I also **labor**, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

εἰς ὃ καὶ κοπιῶ ἀγωνιζόμενος κατὰ τὴν ἐνέργειαν αὐτοῦ τὴν ἐνεργουμένην ἐν ἐμοὶ ἐν δυνάμει.

**1 Thessalonians 5:12** And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who **labor** among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

Ἐρωτῶμεν δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, εἰδέναι τοὺς κοπιῶντας ἐν ὑμῖν καὶ προϊσταμένους ὑμῶν ἐν κυρίῳ καὶ νουθετοῦντας ὑμᾶς

**1 Timothy 4:10** For to this *end* we both **labor** and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is *the* Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ἀγωνιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὅς ἐστιν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων μάλιστα πιστῶν.

**1 Timothy 5:17** Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who **labor** in the word and doctrine.

Οἱ καλῶς προεστῶτες πρεσβύτεροι διπλῆς τιμῆς ἀξιούσθωσαν, μάλιστα οἱ κοπιῶντες ἐν λόγῳ καὶ διδασκαλίᾳ.

**2 Timothy 2:6** The **hard-working** farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

τὸν κοπιῶντα γεωργὸν δεῖ πρῶτον τῶν καρπῶν μεταλαμβάνειν.

**Revelation 2:3** "and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not **become weary**."

καὶ ὑπομονὴν ἔχεις καὶ ἐβάστασας διὰ τὸ ὄνομά μου καὶ οὐ κεκοπίακες.