## Dr. Shirley's Greek Courses

# **Short Vocabulary - Deponent Verbs**

### Deponent Verbs are verbs which are Middle or Passive in form, but are Active in meaning.

They look as if they are Middle or Passive, but are best translated in an Active sense

#### Deponent Verbs which are Middle in form

άρχομαι I begin - see Note 1 below

**απτομαι** I take hold of

άρνεομαι I deny (this is a contract verb - it contracts to άρνουμαι)

άσπαζομαι I greet δεχομαι I receive ἐργαζομαι I work

έρχομαι I come/go - See Note 2 below

εὐαγγελιζομαι I bring good news, preach the Gospel - See Note 3 below

λογιζομαι I reckon προσευχομαι I pray

Compounds formed from ἐρχομαι:

ἀπερχομαι I come/go away I depart

διερχομαι I come/go through

είσερχομαι I come/go into I enter έξερχομαι I come/go out I exit

προσερχομαι I come/go towards - Takes Dative

συνερχομαι I come/go together

# Deponent Verbs which are Passive in form

**βουλομαι** I wish, will (want to do)

φοβεομαι I fear

# Deponent Verbs which are partly Passive and partly Middle in form

ἀποκρινομαι I answer - Takes Dative

γινομαι I become, happen, am - see Note 4 below

παραγινομαι I am beside, come πορευομαι I come/go/ travel εκπορευομαι I come/go out

#### Notes:

- 1. The verb ἀρχω means "I rule" when in the Active form. It takes the Genitive ("I am the ruler of . . ") When used in the Middle form, ἀρχομαι, it means "I begin"
- 2. Principal parts έρχομαι, έλευσομαι, ήλθον, έληλυθα
- 3. Past tenses formed as for a compound verb. eg. Imperfect εὐηγγελιζομην
- 4. Principal parts γινομαι, γενησομαι, έγενομην, γεγονα, γεγενημαι, έγενηθην