Fun with Infinitives!

The following examples demonstrate how the articulated infinitive and the infinitive with prepositions should be translated.

**INFINITIVE OF TIME:**

1. **priν τοῦ or πρὸ τοῦ = “before”**  
   ἐπὶ τοῦ βλέπειν αὐτόν. = Before he sees.

2. **ἐν τῷ = “when/while”**  
   ἐν τῷ βλέπειν αὐτόν. = When he sees.

3. **μετὰ τῷ + accusative = “after”**  
   μετὰ τῷ βλέπειν αὐτόν. = After he sees.

4. **ἐῶς τοῦ = “until”**  
   ἐῶς τοῦ βλέπειν αὐτόν. = Until he sees.

**INFINITIVE OF PURPOSE/RESULT:**

τοῦ, ἐἰς τό, πρὸς τό, ὡςτε, or ὡς = “in order that”  
τοῦ βλέπειν αὐτόν. = In order that he sees.

**CAUSAL INFINITIVE:**

διὰ + accusative = “because” (cause)  
διὰ τῷ βλέπειν αὐτόν. = Because he sees.

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¹This handout was constructed using William D. Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek* (297-298) and David Allen Black, *It’s Still Greek to Me* (116-118). See also N. Clayton Croy, *A Primer of Biblical Greek* (145-147).