

Activity 7. New Testament on Slavery

Source: *New American Standard Bible* (1995),
<http://www.biblegateway.com/versions/New-American-Standard-Bible-NASB> (Accessed June 16, 2010)

Instructions: Passages from the Christian New Testament have been used to justify the enslavement of other human beings. How would you respond to someone who used these passages to defend slavery and other forms of human inequality?

Luke 12:47. "And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes."

John 15:20. "A slave is not greater than his master."

Colossians 3:22. "Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord."

Paul, 6.5-6.8. "Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Render service with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not to men and women, knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are slaves or free."