

Activity 5. Christian New Testament on the Role of Women

Instructions: These passages are from the King James Version of the Christian New Testament (<http://bible.cc>, accessed June 4, 2010). Read them carefully and answer questions 1 – 3.

Biblical Passages

1 Timothy 2:12 - “But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.”

1 Corinthians 14:34 – “Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.”

1 Peter 3:1- “In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives.”

Titus 2:5 – “to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.”

Questions

1. How is the role of women defined in these passages?
2. Which of these quotations do you most strongly agree or disagree with? Why?
3. In your opinion, why does the Christian New Testament define the role of women in these ways?