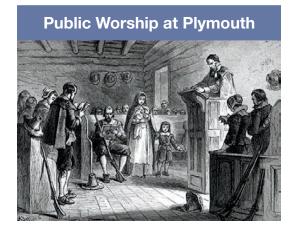
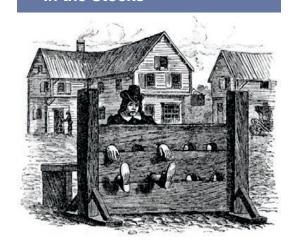
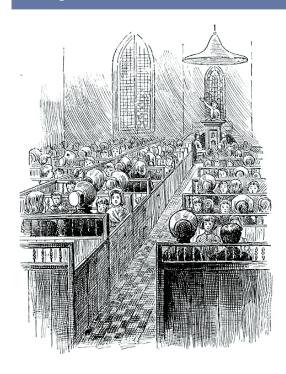
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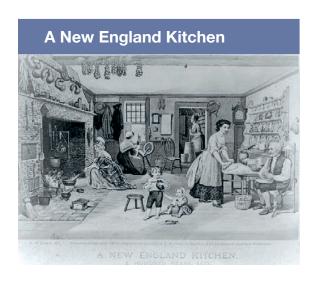


## **Pilgrims at Church**



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# New England Colonies Culture Documents: A Wanton Gospeller



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"Wanton gospeller" was an accusatory title given to men or women who were not civil or religious leaders, but who publicly interpreted or preached about holy texts.

## **On Liberty**

## John Winthrop 1645

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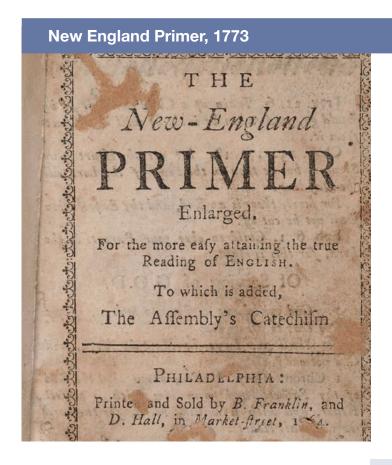
This liberty is maintained and exercised in a way of subjection to authority; it is of the same kind of liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. The women's own choice makes such a man her husband; yet, being so chosen, he is her lord, and she is to be subject to him, yet in a way of liberty, not of bondage; and a true wife accounts her subjection her honor and freedom and would not think her condition safe and free but in her subjection to her husband's authority.

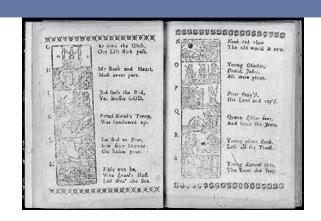
Such is the liberty of the church under the authority of Christ, her king and husband.

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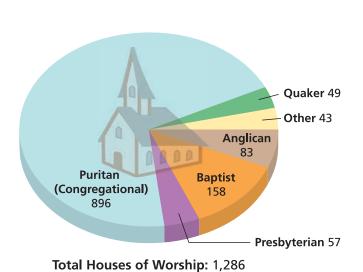
Freedom is maintained and practiced through sacrificing rights to authority; it is the same freedom that we have through Christ. A woman chooses her own husband, yet once he is chosen he becomes her master. However, his role does not take away her freedom, she is not his slave. A good wife accepts her role and the honor and freedom that comes with it and would not think or feel safe or free unless she was following her husband's authority. Her freedom is given under the authority of the church, Christ, her King and her husband.

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