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What **Bible translations** does Focus recommend?

QUESTION

I heard that Focus on the Family doesn't recommend gender-neutral **Bible translations**. What **translations** does Focus recommend?

ANSWER

Since Focus does not employ textual or **translation** experts, we have relied on outside scholars for advice regarding **Bible translations** -- notably the conservative leaders who signed the Colorado Springs Guidelines for **Translation** in 1997.

Based on their input, we use or recommend the following **Bible** versions:

Gender-Specific Translations

Essentially Literal, "word-for-word" **translations**:

KJV	King James Version
NKJV	New King James Version
NAS	New American Standard Bible
ESV	English Standard Version
HCSB	Holman Christian Standard Bible
RSV	Revised Standard Version
NLV	New Life Version

Gender-Specific Paraphrases* (culturally adapted imaginative renderings of the **Bible**)

LB	The Living Bible (paraphrased by Kenneth Taylor)
MSG	The Message (paraphrased by Eugene Peterson)

* Please note that if a paraphrase is used, it should always be in conjunction with one or more of the above "regular" **Bible translations**. Paraphrases can be helpful as a form of commentary or for inspiration, but they should not be one's only source of reading.

ANSWERS OTHERS FOUND HELPFUL

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