A Biblical Response to the Feminist Agenda John MacArthur

I. Introduction.

A. Text: Titus 2.

B. Biblical teaching on the role of women in ministry is controversial.

C. The real feminist agenda is frightening and Satanic. Leading feminists have encouraged witchcraft, leaving Jesus and divorce.

II. Feminism's origins.

A. It ultimately came from the sin of Eve in the Garden.

B. Gnosticism popularized feminism through the myth that the physical universe was never intended to exist.

- 1. Salvation comes from female actualization in this system.
- 2. They claim that the serpent in the garden is the true Christ.
- 3. Human plight is because individuals do not realize their potential.
- 4. Deity is feminized and the ordination of women flows out of it.

C. Radical feminism is being moved along by the idea that women must be liberated from "evil" male values like marriage. It reverses what God has ordained.

III. God's design for women is to love their husband, love their children and be subject to their own husband.

IV. Responsibilities of a godly woman.

A. Older women were to teach what is good.

- 1. This means to model a positive life.
- 2. They are primarily responsible for younger women.
- 3. Young women are those who are still able to have children.

B. Older women were to teach, counsel and provide hospitality among other tasks. (1 Timothy 5:9)

C. Women were to be faithful and have a reputation for good works. (Proverbs 31, 1 Timothy 2:15)

D. Women are to be totally devoted to their husbands.

E. Women are to be children lovers.

F. Women are to be more concerned with internal adorning than external. (1 Peter 3, 1 Timothy 2)

G. Women who work outside of the home are more tempted than others to compromise themselves. Their place should primarily be in the home.

H. Women are to be subject to their own husbands. (Ephesians 5:22)

Application Questions:

1. What is the danger of modern feminism?

2. Which responsibility of the godly woman is most controversial? How can you have a conversation with someone about it who has a different opinion?

3. Who has best modeled for you these responsibilities? What has been her impact on your life?