## God's Plan for Women in the Church, Part 1 John MacArthur

I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Timothy 2:9-15.
- B. The role of women is a battle ground in the church.
- C. Paul deals with six features with regard to the role of women in the church.

## II. Their appearance.

- A. A woman is to be adorned properly from the inside out.
- B. A woman is not to come to worship in disarray.
- C. Our culture is preoccupied with appearance.
- D. Our culture is also preoccupied with worldly goods.
- E. Intent needs to be addressed in dress. (Matthew 16, 1 Peter 3)
- F. Worship is a time for humility, meekness and a contrite spirit.

## III. Their attitude.

A. There is a need for godly fear. We ought to consider shameful the thought of causing another to sin.

- B. There is a need for self-control. This is self-mastery over passions.
- C. Immorality and scandal is to be avoided. (1 Corinthians 5, Exodus 3:16, Isaiah3:16-24)

IV. Their testimony.

- V. Their role.
- VI. Their design.
- VII. Their contribution.

## **Application Questions:**

1. How would you respond to someone who says that God does not care what a person wears on the outside but the condition of his or her heart?

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2. Is modesty only a female issue in the church today? Explain.

3. What are some ways we can cause others to stumble through our attire?