Blueprint: God’s Plan for the Church

“Equal Value, Different Roles”

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Titus 2:1-6

INTRODUCTION:
A. In recent years, there has been a ______________ movement in all churches - it has to do with the role of _______ in the church.
B. This movement has called for a _______________ of the Bible and in some cases a __________ of any part of the Bible that is patriarchal or misogynistic.
C. Ultimately, what matters is not what ______ or I think about this subject, but what ______ thinks about this subject.

I. A BIBLICAL OVERVIEW
A. God has created both men and women in His _______ (Gen. 1:27).
B. All who are in Christ are equal in _____ and spiritual ________ (Gal. 3:26-28)
C. God highly values _______ and they have always played an __________ role in what God accomplishes in the world.
D. God has always assigned roles of spiritual ___________ to ______.

II. AN IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGE - 1 COR. 11:2-16
A. Paul called attention to the order of authority and ____________ which heaven has established and insisted that the Corinthians respect that order.
B. For men to renounce their authority in relation to women by adopting the head ______ would have been just as wrong as it was for women to challenge male leadership by refusing to have their head ______.
C. Paul’s main objective was to emphasize clear role ___________ and clear lines of ___________ and submission.

III. AN IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGE - 1 TIM. 2:8-15
A. God’s instructions for women:
1. Women are to wear proper ________.
2. Women are to _________ in quietness and full submission.
3. Women are to refrain from _________ or exercising authority over ___.
B. Why is this to be expected?
1. It is established by ___________.  2. It is confirmed by the ________.

CONCLUSIONS:
A. Role distinctions are to be gently ___________, not exaggerated, or exploited.
B. We need a broader view of Christian ____________.
C. We need a deeper respect for _______ and ___________.
D. We need a deeper respect for _______ and ___________.
E. Acceptance of and obedience to God’s Word regarding _______ roles will help the church maintain its distinctiveness and effectiveness.