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I am very reluctant to talk about "Sexual Harassment," but we hear so much about it today it seems that someone should address this subject. The news media is filled with accusations from women who say they have been molested or harassed in some way sexually. The accusations are made against politicians, school teachers, actors and actresses and many more. Sexual harassment seems to be a more common thing every day with more and more accusations being hurled out by both men and women. The finger of blame is being pointed and people are becoming more and more upset by this trend in

To say that sexual misconduct and harassment is wrong is an understatement. Such actions are deplorable and any attempt to justify this conduct is deplorable. But, as we assess the situation in today's society, it is not difficult to see there are several places where blame should be placed.

First, we need to think about society's part in all of this. We live in an age where the news media reports glowingly about "open marriages," shallow, attachment free relationships, and television programs that are most popular are brimming with graphic sex, nudity and sexual violence. Sex has no boundaries and bears no consequences. When sex is so casual is it a stretch of the imagination to believe that men and women will treat sex as the Bible says we are to treat it. The Bible teaches that the marital relationship is for a husband and wife and confined to the marriage relationship. But society has redefined this holy relationship in such a way that it is meaningless. If a man or woman, gives the message to each other that sex should be casual and open and people should have the choice to indulge, why are we surprised when men make advances toward women?

Secondly, we live in an age when both men and women dress provocatively. With bodies almost totally exposed in public, what message is given to those of the opposite sex? Does a man or woman dress this way to draw attention to themselves or to their bodies? Do they dress this way to say to those of the opposite sex, "Here I am. I am available for whatever devious action you have in mind?" :You can believe it or not, but this is the message sent by those who dress in a provocative way. Again, let me emphasize this is in no way an attempt to justify misconduct or sexual harassment or improper advances, but let's be honest and admit where the blame should be placed. Angela Lansbury, the 92 year old star in *Murder She Wrote*, put it very plainly. She insisted that "women who go out of their way to make themselves attractive," must take some responsibility when men prey on them. She continued to say "unfortunately, this has backfired on us (women) and this is where we are today." She is absolutely correct in her assessment of this problem.

Next, we need to understand that God's Word teaches men and women how to live. Paul wrote, "*Flee sexual immorality*" (1 Corinthians 6:18). To the young man Timothy, Paul said, "*Flee the evil desires of youth*" (2 Timothy 2:22) To women, Paul wrote, " *...dress modestly with decency and propriety*" (1 Timothy 2:9).

May we all realize that we may be to blame for some of the immorality that is so rampant today. We must put the blame where it belongs. Let's not be guilty of dressing in a way that could stir up the evil desires within someone of the opposite sex and then cry "Sexual Harassment" when they act on their impulses. Let's ask three things about our dress: 1. Is it proper? 2. Is it decent? 3. Is it proper for those professing godliness?