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History of the True Woman Manifesto

“There is no way any man, woman, or child can escape the nature of our revolution!”
(Betty Friedan, 1970)

On October 11, 2008, a very different revolution began as thousands of women signed the True Woman Manifesto and then returned to their homes and communities to live out the beauty of biblical womanhood.

This marked—we believe—the beginning of a grassroots, counter-cultural revolution of holy, humble, surrendered women. We are trusting God for 100,000 people to sign the manifesto and join the True Woman Movement—people like . . . you!

When you host a True Woman event, we strongly encourage you to incorporate a manifesto ceremony. This time has proven to be extremely meaningful for many women not only at True Woman conferences hosted by *Revive Our Hearts*, but also at events that others have held in their churches and communities.

Q. What is the True Woman Manifesto?

A. A personal and corporate declaration of belief, consecration, and prayerful intent—to the end that Christ may be exalted and the glory and redeeming love of God may be displayed throughout the whole earth.

“I regard the True Woman Manifesto as a faithful, clear, true, wise—indeed—magnificent document. What an amazing thing it would be if hundreds of thousands of women signed on with their heart.” —Pastor John Piper

“Given the encroachment of popular culture, it’s imperative that Christians state, clarify, and verify what the Bible teaches about man, woman, and male-female relationships.”
—Mary Kassian

How to Host a True Woman Manifesto Ceremony

*Thank you for your desire to host a True Woman Manifesto Ceremony!
Here are just a few guidelines to help as you prepare:*

- The tone of the ceremony is important—it should be solemn and prayerful.
- Create an environment where women feel the freedom to sign—or not sign—the manifesto. You don't want women to sign it just because someone else is. You want them to know what they're affirming and to realize that when they sign this, they're essentially dying to self, personal plans, and desires.
- Begin the ceremony with prayer.
- Explain things such as the history of the manifesto, our opportunity and responsibility to be biblical women, and the need to share this message with our world. If you're feeling stuck, go to TrueWoman.com, scroll to the end of the transcript "For Such A Time As This," and read how Nancy led the women through the True Woman Manifesto signing at True Woman '08.
- Ask the women to stand, and read through each portion of the manifesto. Either select a few women to read up front, or have every woman read a paragraph.
- Affirm the words of this manifesto before the Lord by having the women say, "Yes, Lord," after each commitment if it is something their hearts resonate with. (You might even want to purchase *Yes, Lord! Handkerchiefs* for the women to wave as a sign of surrender.)
- Have extra pens on hand, so the women can sign the manifesto together. Encourage them to keep their copy somewhere where it will remind them of their calling and commitment. You may even want to sign and frame the poster version of the manifesto (available online).
- Remind the women to sign the manifesto online! (This is important for the movement, as www.TrueWoman.com is the gathering place for all manifesto signatures.) Another option would be to collect the perforated sections of their manifestos, and let them know that you'll sign them up online. You can assure them that their names and information will not be used for marketing purposes.
- End with a charge and a prayer of blessing. Cover important points such as:

The manifesto isn't just words on a page; it's a way of life.

We can only reflect the beauty of biblical womanhood as we depend on the power of the Holy Spirit and seek to know Jesus more and more. 