





True Women

Honor your father and your mother.

Honor Your Mother

- ▶ Prov. 6:20 “My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching.”
- ▶ 15:20 “A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother.”
- ▶ Tremendous blessing of a wise mom.



Does Your Mom Work?

- No – She stays home and takes care of me.
- Titus 2:3 – 5 “Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good,
- Tit 2:4 and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,
- Tit 2:5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.”

True Women Manifesto

- ▶ *WE BELIEVE* that God is the Lord of the universe and the Creator of life, and that all created things exist for His pleasure and to bring Him glory.
- ▶ 1 Cor. 8:6 “there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we *exist* through Him.”
- ▶ Col. 1:16; describing the creator Christ, “For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.”

We Believe

- ▶ *WE BELIEVE* that the creation of humanity as male and female was a purposeful and magnificent part of God's wise plan, and that men and women were designed to reflect the image of God in complementary and distinct ways.
- ▶ Gen. 1:26 – 27 “Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male and female** he created them.”

We Believe

- *WE BELIEVE* that our sins separate us from God. Our only hope for restoration and salvation is found in repenting of our sins and obeying Christ who lived a sinless life, died for our sins, and was raised from the dead.
- 1 Cor. 15: – 4 “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,”
- Heb. 5:9 “And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,”



We Realize

- *WE REALIZE* that we live in a culture that does not recognize God's right to rule, does not accept Scripture as the pattern for life, and is experiencing the consequences of abandoning God's design for men and women.
- Romans 1:24 – 25 “Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.”
- Prov. 14:12 “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”



We Believe

- *WE BELIEVE* that Christ is redeeming this sinful world and making all things new, and that His followers are called to share in His redemptive purposes as we seek, by God's empowerment, to transform every aspect of our human life that has been marred by sin.
- Eph. 4:19 – 24 “They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!— 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

We Affirm That:

- **Scripture** is God's authoritative means of instructing us in His ways and it reveals His holy pattern for our womanhood, our character, our priorities, and our various roles, responsibilities, and relationships.
- 1 Cor. 4:17 send Timothy to “to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.”
- 1 Cor. 14:37 “the things that I write unto are the Lord's commandment”
- 2 Peter 1:20 – 21 “knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

We Affirm That:

- ▶ **We Glorify God** and experience His blessing when we accept and joyfully embrace His created design, function, and order for our lives.
- ▶ 1 Peter 3:3 – 5 “Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands”



We Affirm That:

- *MEN AND WOMEN* are both created in the image of God and are equal in value and dignity, but they have distinct roles and functions in the home and in the church.
- A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, *and* then Eve. (1 Timothy 2:11 – 13)

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- Eph. 5:28 – 32 “In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.”



We Affirm That:

- *WE ARE CALLED* as women to affirm and encourage men as they seek to express godly masculinity, and to honor and support God-ordained male leadership in the home and in the church.
- 1 Peter 5:1 – 4 “So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”

We Affirm That:

- *MARRIAGE*, as created by God, is a sacred, binding, lifelong covenant between one man and one woman.
- Mark 10:6 – 9 “But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 7 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. 9 What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

We Affirm That:

- ▶ *HUMAN LIFE* is precious to God and is to be valued and protected, from the point of conception until rightful death.
- Psalm 139:13 – 16 “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”





We Affirm That:

- *CHILDREN* are a blessing from God; women are uniquely designed to be bearers and nurturers of life, whether it be their own biological or adopted children, or other children in their sphere of influence. (Psalm 127)
- *GOD'S PLAN* for gender is wider than marriage; all women, whether married or single, are to model femininity in their various relationships, by exhibiting a distinctive modesty, responsiveness, and gentleness of spirit. (1 Tim. 2:9 – 13)
- *MATURE CHRISTIAN WOMEN* have a responsibility to leave a legacy of faith, by discipling younger women in the Word and ways of God and modeling for the next generation lives of fruitful femininity. (Titus 2:3 – 5)



Our Desire as True Women of God:

- Seek to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. (Mark 12:29 – 30)
- Be women of the Word, seeking to grow in our knowledge of Scripture and to live in accord with sound doctrine in every area of our lives. (Titus 2:1 – 7)
- Embrace and express our unique design and calling as women with humility, gratitude, faith, and joy.
- Seek to glorify God by cultivating such virtues as purity, modesty, submission, meekness, and love.
- Show proper respect to both men and women, created in the image of God, esteeming others as better than ourselves, seeking to build them up, and putting off bitterness, anger, and evil speaking.



Our Desire as True Women of God:

- ▶ Live out the mandate of Titus 2—as older women, modeling godliness and training younger women to be pleasing to God in every respect; as younger women, receiving instruction with meekness and humility and aspiring to become mature women of God who in turn will train the next generation.
 - ▶ Seek opportunities to share the gospel of Christ with unbelievers.
 - ▶ Reflect God’s heart for orphans, widows, and others who are vulnerable, marginalized, or oppressed, by extending kindness, ministering to their needs in the name of Christ, and promoting justice for all people as bearers of God’s image. (James 1:27)
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