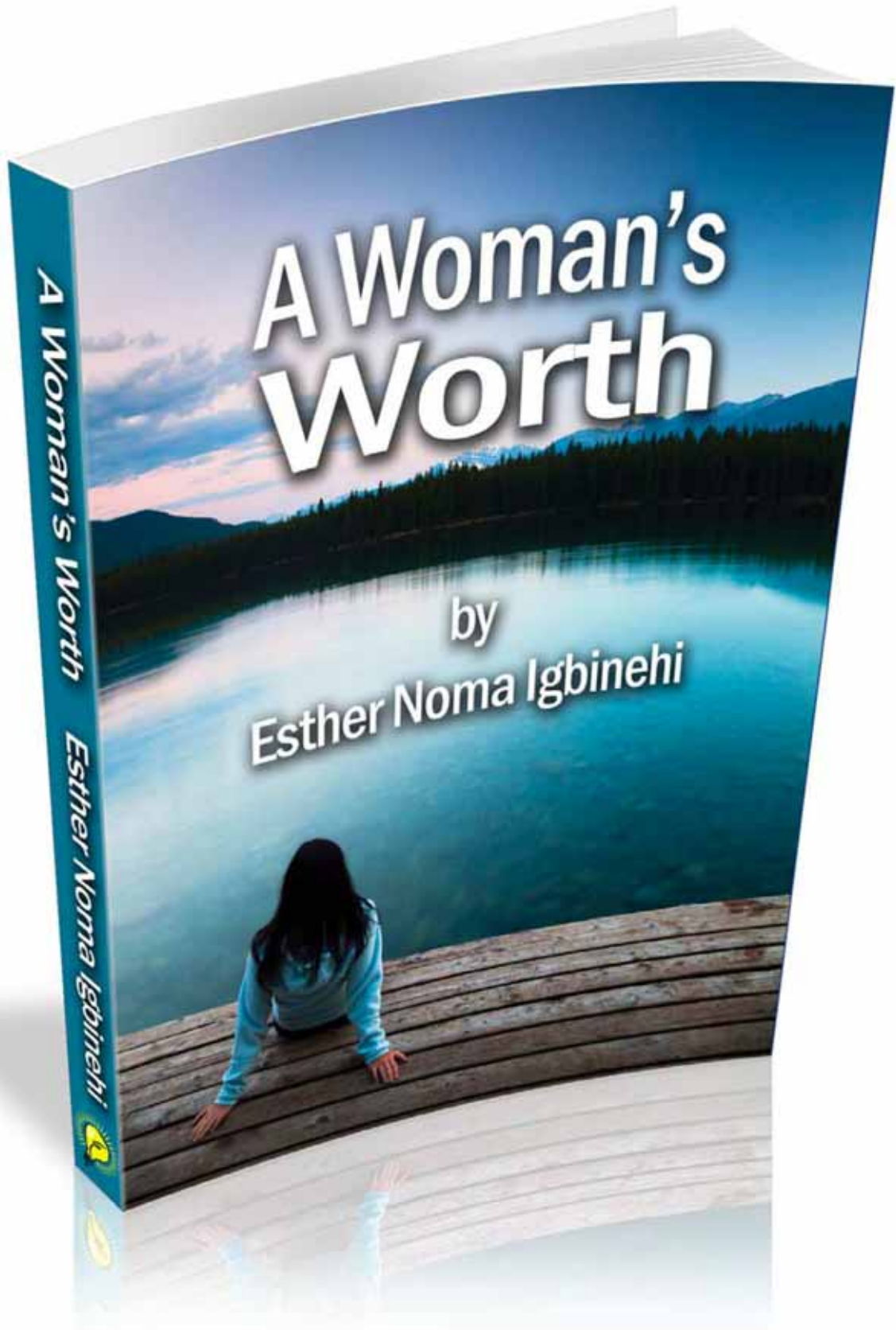


A Woman's Worth

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What readers say about “A Woman’s Worth”

“It's a timely book with special focus on the role and purpose of a woman. I was specially touched by the book's chapter one highlighting the definition of the woman and the reason for her creation. Every woman ought to read, digest and live this book.”

Ms.Osa Chukwunenye. Toronto, Canada.

“If you don't have time to finish *A Woman's Worth*, don't start it! It is interesting, intriguing, informative and a wake up call to every woman.

I recommend that ‘every woman of worth’ should make *A Woman's Worth* a daily item in her handbag. It is a must read.”

Pastor Ebun Olorunyomi Lagos, Nigeria.

This is a book for all times. Pastor Esther has done a good job.

Pastor Mercy Obadofin Believers' Vineyard Church
Ministries Nigeria.

As a modern woman juggling day to day responsibilities of work/life balance and trying to keep up with, develop and nurture my spiritual development this book has helped me a lot. It is a must read for all woman regardless of race or religion.

Eileen Ashamu



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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the Almighty God
and
to all God-fearing and God-loving women who are
working out their salvation with fear and trembling to
the fulfilment of their God-given purpose.

Esther Uhunoma Igbinehi



Esther Uhunoma Igbinehi was born in Edo State, Nigeria and grew up in a strict home where her father, the late Ojo Idehen, was the manager of the Baptist Mission in Benin City. Her mother, Ehimwenma Idehen, also helped her to understand the importance of leading a disciplined life and encouraged her to pursue her studies and remain focused.

This resulted in Esther graduating from the University of Benin with a degree in French which enabled her to become a language teacher at Ojo High School, in Lagos.

Worried by the plight of the many widows in her country, she founded the charity, The Widows Rendezvous, which now has offices in London and Lagos.

She met her late husband in 1981 and they married in 1988 after she graduated. Tragically she was to lose a son from illness and later also her husband who died in a motor accident.

In 1995 Esther was ordained a pastor by Rev Ojei Ohiwhere of the Heritage Assembly, Nigeria and is presently pastor in the French fellowship of Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Rock of Redemption Parish, London.

A Woman's Worth is her third book which she wrote to "sensitise and awaken the spirit of productivity, charisma and excellence in women."

Through her charity, she has plans to open a series of homes called "Solomon's Haven" as places where widows can be helped to rebuild their lives.



Preface

“Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies” (Proverbs 31:10)

A virtuous woman is a priceless gift to her generation and a special vessel for God’s use. Her life portrays the quality of a God-fearing, God-loving woman who sees God as her ultimate and she works/walks according to His commandments.

She is considered a gem because of the qualities she possesses. These qualities that make the woman priceless are what this book **“A Woman’s Worth”** is all about.

The book will reveal to that woman who is ready, the way to become a special vessel in the hands of the Almighty God. This book aims at turning the woman back to what God had in mind when He first created the woman in the Garden of Eden. It also intends to bring out of the woman her God-given potentials, help her identify, develop and utilise them to God’s glory.

In fulfilling this purpose, the beauty of the woman, which cannot be suppressed, sparkles like a diamond and her worth is valued beyond human understanding.

It is my hope that everyone who reads this book becomes a great asset to God and to her generation.

Esther Noma Igbinehi.



CHAPTER ONE

WHO AM I AS A WOMAN?

The woman is the translation of several words for female or wife. She was exalted more highly among the people of Israel than in surrounding nations. She is exalted in the books of Ruth, Esther and Songs of Solomon. She is praised in *Proverbs 31: 10 – 31*. Christ ennobled women in His attitude toward His mother, the sisters at Bethany and the woman at the well (*Luke 10: 38 – 42, John 4: 7 – 30; 19: 25 – 27*). Paul encouraged women to remain silent in the church but also said that in Christ, there is neither male nor female (*1 Cor. 14: 34, Gal. 3: 28*).

In ancient times, women were often looked at as the property of men, good for bearing children and not much more, and down through the centuries women have often been maltreated as second-class citizens. In countries where the dowry system is still in effect, the birth of a girl can create a dreaded financial burden to poor families. In such areas, the bride is often treated little more than a slave to her husband. The Bible tells us that the woman was made after the man, in fact from the rib-bone of the man, to be a companion, friend and helper to the man. This does not mean that she is in anyway inferior to the man or is expected to be the man's servant.

Over the years, I have asked myself the question, **“Who am I as a woman?”** and I have come to realise that the woman is important in God's plan for humanity; so important that the Bible describes her as Beautiful (2