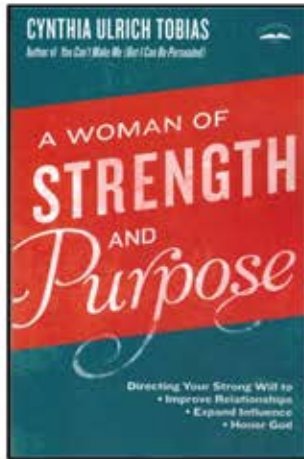


## Some Excerpts from *A Woman of Strength and Purpose*:



- Whatever they do, wherever they are, they meet the world head-on—unafraid, undaunted, undeterred by those who tell them something can't be done. Each one is a woman with convictions of steel, willing to take the lead when called upon to use her passion, courage, and drive to withstand extraordinary conditions—even when her commitment requires a seemingly impossible mission.
  - Welcome to a book that understands you, written by someone who “gets” who you are and how you're wired. No one who has contributed to this book will raise her eyebrows and say, “I can't believe you think like that!” You'll be *encouraged* as you recognize how positive your strong will is when it's pointed in the right direction. You'll feel *reaffirmed* as you discover how much you have in common with other women of such strength and purpose, and how “normal” you are. Most of all, you'll feel *challenged* as you identify the practical ways to use your gift of strong will to honor God and His purposes.
  - I don't know about you, but when I was younger, before I discovered my strong will wasn't “abnormal,” I spent a lot of time being defensive about my right to have it. Even as I struggled to find myself, I secretly wondered if maybe there was something wrong with me after all. Did God approve of me even though I didn't exactly fit the “quiet, virtuous Christian woman” mold?
- A woman of strength and purpose is not daunted or overwhelmed when she is firmly grounded with the One who holds the future. What happens when the road to success isn't even a road? What happens if it's an almost impossible, impassable path to a destination you're not sure even exists? Sometimes obedience to God is a breathless, dangerous, heart-stopping adventure. Sometimes it's a quiet life lived intensely for the Lord. And most of the time it's something in-between.
- As you read these pages, you'll find insights and strategies for every relationship—from leadership to friendships to marriage to parenting to, most importantly, your relationship with God. You'll smile as you read the comments, confessions, and advice from others who have walked in your shoes. You'll nod a lot and find yourself thinking, *that's me!* You may feel like one woman who wrote: “My history with the phrase *strong willed* has the connotation of ‘head butting’ or disobedience or selfishness. Is there something wonderful about this word that I've been missing all these years?”

Yes—and you're about to find out why. Are you ready to start this adventure?

### Compelling vignettes of six women of strength and purpose using their strong wills to change the world...

**Lily Ho Sipe**—From a Taiwan girl who could speak no English to a successful American businesswoman and prayer warrior who overcame tremendous obstacles and is now changing the world one person at a time through prayer and encouragement...

**Janine Tartaglia Metcalf**—From a rising star as an NBC news reporter and weekend anchor during the Iran Hostage Crisis to a gloriously converted servant of Christ who gave up national celebrity status to follow the call of God to full time service as a pastor...

**Yvette Maher**—From a devastating childhood with a murderous father and many years of drugs, alcohol and empty relationships to a career of Christian service to the God of the Impossible, offering hope and support to those who need it most...

**Janine Maxwell**—From a successful marketing executive for one of the largest firms in Canada who survived 9-11 in New York City to a completely recalibrated life of service for God to the lost and least served children in the heart of Africa...

**Cindy Breilh**—From a rebellious youth turned successful entrepreneur to a life of international Christian service to women and children in oppressed and poverty-stricken countries around the world...

**Rita Hernandez**—

From her career establishing and maintaining a school to bring strong bilingual education to both her native Mexico and the United States to the influential and dangerous challenge of working with the government to eradicate human trafficking in the entire nation of Mexico...