

## Four Things That Give A Man Swag Sunday, June 16, 2019

“Every woman craves a relationship with a real man. . . .She might be temporarily satisfied with someone less mature, but at the end of the day, a woman wants to be with a Real Man” (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Women Want From A Man* 81).

### What is real man?

Masculinity may not have a definition, but it does have a purpose.

God saw that everything He created was good.

When the Scripture says God “saw,” it means that He was inspecting for excellence.

Excellence means fulfilling purpose at its highest level.

A real man is someone who lives the purpose of masculinity at the highest level.

If we want to know the purpose of anything, we must look at its creator’s intent.

The creator of the man is God, which is to say that God is the manufacturer.

If we want to find the purest version of God’s intent for anything, we must look at the beginning.

Last week, we said that the first thing God gave Eve was a relationship.

The first thing God gave Adam was responsibility.

What are the qualities of a responsible man?

1. Maturity
2. Decisiveness
3. Consistency
4. Strength

(A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*)

### Maturity

“Maturity doesn’t begin with age; it begins with the acceptance of responsibility” (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 83)

“We don’t begin to mature until we accept personal responsibility for our words, our thoughts, our motives, and our attitudes” (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 86).

### **I Corinthians 13:11 Genesis 3:12**

Responsibility does not mean “shame-worthy,” “blame-worthy,” “guilt-worthy.” It means “able to respond.”

Responsibility begins from the inside out, not the outside in.

Responsibility begins by looking inward, but is not complete until we also start looking outward.

A real man is constantly expanding his scope of responsibility.

A real man sees his responsibility as everything in his sphere of influence, not just what his job description says or what he’s told to do.

### Decisiveness

A real man “makes quality decisions quickly and confidently” (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 107).

“Decisiveness is insight in action” (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 107).

A real man makes decisions based on principles, which means he decides before he decides.

A principle is an eternal standard that makes you clear about what is true.

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Once you know what's true, decisions are easy because after that, you only need the courage to act.

### Consistency

"Consistency. . . is the ability to make mature quality decisions time and again" (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 141).

"A man's consistency is what gives a woman security" (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 143).

"Our women observe us carefully, cautiously, and continually" (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 143).

"Your woman knows your patterns of behavior, your patterns of language, and your patterns of decision making. Whenever you break any one of those patterns, you can be sure of two things: first, your woman has already noticed. And second, she wants to know why" (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 143).

You (the man) are the first domino and set the tone with your consistency or inconsistency (**Proverbs 25:19; Proverbs 20:6**).

What you do creates ripple effects (positively or negatively) in your family and community for generations to come (**Exodus 20:5-6**).

### Strength

"Strength. . . is the courage to live out your convictions in spite of what the crowd is doing" (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 162).

"In today's world, genuine strength is a matter of integrity, not physicality" (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 162).

### I Timothy 4:8

"For a man to possess real strength, he must learn the art of self-control" (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 168).

### Proverbs 25:28

"A [real] man's strength is demonstrated by his kindness and his gentleness" (A.R. Bernard, *Four Things Woman Want From A Man*, 168).

### Proverbs 12:10

### Additional Resources

- *Four Things Woman Want From A Man* by A.R. Bernard
- YouTube/Google: "Pastor A. R. Bernard Interview at The Breakfast Club Power 105.1 (05/05/2016)" OR <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFoAt4oDUWE>
- YouTube/Google: "A.R. Bernard Breaks Down Traits of a REAL MAN; Keys to a Healthy Relationship" OR <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fb8PeIRB0dU>