Real Men

David Banning · 1 Kings 2:1–3 · Series: **Christian Living (Attributes of)**

INTRODUCTION

- David's words imply that because Solomon was a man, he ought to conduct his life in a certain way.
- If a fellow thinks being a real man is all about being physically strong or athletically talented or handsome in appearance or shrewd in business, in the end, he will be disappointed.
- What makes a man a real man is not what our culture says about, but what God says about it.

1 A Real Man Nurtures His Relationship With God

Ecclesiastes 12:13; Psalm 119:11; Luke 12:21

- In God's eyes, a real man is a man that nurtures his relationship with God.
- Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.
- Real men read the Bible because they understand that it is God's means of communicating with us.
- Real men pray because they realize that's the other half of the communication process.
- Real men know that the basic issue of life is one's relationship with God, and for that reason they nurture it.

2 Real Man Knows How to Take Care of His Wife

1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:25; Ephesians 5:28

- It takes a lot of hard work and careful character building for a man to know how to take care of his wife.
- Real men make the effort to know and understand their wives.
- You husbands likewise live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman, and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life.
- Husbands love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her.
- Love is about conduct, it's about behavior, it's about how you treat somebody.

3 A Real Man Knows How to Train His Children

Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:6–7

- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- It is not a responsibility abdicated to the Bible class teacher at church, but real men teach their kids.
- They teach them by reading the Bible to them and talking to them about God's word.
- A man who's a real man gets personally involved in the work of raising his children.
- Real men are not passive observers watching from the sidelines as their children pass through these formative years. They are out in front leading them through the process.

4 Real Men Control Their Passions

Hebrews 13:4; Ephesians 4:26; Romans 12:19–21

- Real men are men who control their passions, who control their lusts.
- It takes great strength of character and discipline, especially in a culture like ours, to be a man that's sexually pure.
- Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled.
- A real man is a man that even can subdue and subject to the will of Jesus Christ, his strongest passions.
- Real strength is the guy who wants to do it but doesn't.
- Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

MY NOTES