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Six Leadership Principles to Learn from an Eagle

As we serve with excellence

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FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:28-30 (TPT)

He empowers the feeble and infuses the powerless with increasing strength. Even young people faint and get exhausted; athletic ones may stumble and fall. But those who entwine their hearts with Yahweh will experience divine strength. They will rise up on soaring wings and fly like eagles, run their races without growing weary, and walk through life without giving up.

Six principles for serving with excellence

PRINCIPLE 1

Eagles fly alone and at high altitudes

Eagles do not fly with sparrows, ravens and other small birds. Other birds - from chickens to falcons and vultures - cannot fly above the heights reached by an eagle.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- In leadership, it is a lonely and not crowded field.
- Stay away from narrow-minded people and those who bring you down. Eagles fly with eagles.
- Keep good company with other eagles, as iron sharpens iron.

Proverbs 27:17 (NKJV)

As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.

PRINCIPLE 2

Eagles have accurate vision

They have the ability to focus on something as far as 5 km away. No matter the obstacles, the eagle does not move its focus from the prey until it grabs it.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Have a vision and remain focused, no matter the obstacles, and you will succeed.
- As a leader, be able to see ahead and plan ahead.

PRINCIPLE 3

Eagles do not eat dead things

They feed only on fresh prey they have killed themselves.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Do not rely on your past success. Keep looking for new frontiers to conquer.
- Leave your past where it belongs - in the past.

Philippians 3:12-14 (GNT)

> *I do not claim that I have already succeeded or have already become perfect. I keep striving to win the prize for which Christ Jesus has already won me to himself. Of course, my friends, I really do not think that I have already won it; the one thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead. So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above.*

PRINCIPLE 4

Eagles love and appreciate storms

When clouds gather, the eagle gets excited. It uses the storm wind to lift itself higher. Once it finds the wind of the storm, the eagle rises above the clouds, where it can glide and rest its wings. Meanwhile, other birds hide in the branches and leaves of trees.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- As a leader, you will face storms, accusations and blame.
- Every church, organisation or family rises and falls on the type of leadership it has.
- When difficulties come, leaders should not break under pressure.
- Face challenges head-on, knowing they can make you emerge stronger and better than before.
- Use the storms of life to rise to greater heights. Achievers are not afraid of challenges; they relish them and use them profitably.

PRINCIPLE 5

Mother eagles prepare their young for dominion

They remove feathers and soft grass from the nest so the young become uncomfortable in preparation for flying, and eventually fly when it becomes unbearable to remain in the nest.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Leave your comfort zone; there is no growth there.
- Pass on the baton and train the next generation as a leader.
- Have a succession plan for the next generation.

PRINCIPLE 6

Eagles renew their feathers

When an eagle grows old, its feathers become weak and cannot carry it as fast or as high as they should. It withdraws to a place in the mountains and goes through a painful process of renewal before emerging able to fly high again.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- As leaders, we need a time of withdrawal to renew our agility and leadership skills.
- Make time for retraining and sharpening your skills.
- Attend leadership training and conferences, read leadership books and acquire new knowledge.
- We occasionally need to shed old habits, no matter how difficult. Things that burden us or add no value to our lives should be let go.

OUR HOMECOMING CHARGE

We are yours to help

We bring our skills so that Homecoming 2026 can be the best ever. We are to help our father and Apostle. Like the people who came to David, we declare: We are yours. Success, success to you, and success to those who help you, for your God will help you.

1 Chronicles 12:1-2, 16-18 (NIV)

These were the men who came to David at Ziklag, while he was banished from the presence of Saul son of Kish (they were among the warriors who helped him in battle; they were armed with bows and were able to shoot arrows or to sling stones right-handed or left-handed; they were relatives of Saul from the tribe of Benjamin): Other Benjamites and some men from Judah also came to David in his stronghold. David went out to meet them and said to them, 'If you have come to me in peace to help me, I am ready for you to join me. But if you have come to betray me to my enemies when my hands are free from violence, may the God of our ancestors see it and judge you.' Then the Spirit came on Amasai, chief of the Thirty, and he said: 'We are yours, David! We are with you, son of Jesse! Success, success to you, and success to those who help you, for your God will help you.' So David received them and made them leaders of his raiding bands.

SERVE WITH EXCELLENCE

People are coming to see

Like the Queen of Sheba, people are coming to see our relationship with the Lord and how we serve with excellence in God's house.

1 Kings 10:1-10 (NIV)

When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the Lord, she came to test Solomon with hard questions. Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan - with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones - she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the Lord, she was overwhelmed. She said to the king, 'The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. How happy your people must be! How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness.' And she gave the king 120 talents of gold, large quantities of spices, and precious stones. Never again were so many spices brought in as those the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.