

Introduction:

Characteristics of animals can be admired and used as object lessons: ant, badger, and spider are just a few. We want to compare being a Christian to being an eagle. *Proverbs 30.18-19*

I. To Be An Eagle One Must Be Born An Eagle

A. **A sparrow will never be an eagle neither will a chicken be an eagle.**

1. They will not become an eagle by flying like one or sounding like one.
2. We understand this with animals and in the physical realm.

B. **To be a Christian one must be born a Christian.**

1. *John 3.3-5* speaks of the new birth.
2. This is the only way of becoming a child of God, *1 Peter 1.23*.
 - i. One does not become a Christian by hanging around other Christians.
 - ii. One does not become a Christian by sounding like a Christian.

C. **How does one become a Christian?**

1. By studying what the Bible says, *2 Timothy 2.15*.
2. By doing what the Bible says.

II. The Eagle Lives In Security

A. **Its lives in safe places for an eagle, *Job 39.27-30***

1. Eagles are meant to live in high places, precarious places.
2. It builds its nest of sticks that won't break.

B. **Christians live in security and safety.**

1. Physical security, *Matthew 6.31-33*
2. Spiritual security, *John 10.27-29*
3. Mental security, *Phil. 4.13,19*

III. The Eagle Accepts Growth As A Natural Process

A. **There comes a time when the mother eagle hovers over the nest. *Deut. 32.11***

1. Eventually she pushes the baby to the edge of the nest and then out.
2. This allows her to clean out the nest and get ready for the next generation.
3. If the baby stays there it will grow too large, require too much food, and the nest will become dirty.

B. **Many Christians like staying in the nest.**

1. They get comfortable and never want things to change.
2. They don't push themselves and don't like it when others try to push them to do new things.

C. There is an invisible war being fought.

1. *2 Corinthians 10.3-5* this war is for our souls and the souls of our loved ones.
2. We see it through the eyes of faith, *2 Corinthians 5.7*
3. The word of God makes us ready to do our part in the battle, *Acts 20.32*
 - i. Every congregation is only one generation from being extinct.
 - ii. This congregation will not be here for long if its members are not growing.

IV. The Eagle Does Not Flap Around

A. It is meant for the open sky

1. Does not spend its time in trees or near the ground.
2. Waits on the edge of the cliff for the right current to lift it up.
3. Flapping is unnecessary

4. It can be difficult to understand unless one understands the eagle
 - i. The eyesight of an eagle allows it to read newspaper size print up to 10 miles away.
 - ii. Its claws allow it to snatch up its prey.

B. We are meant to soar! *Isaiah 40.28-31*

1. To set our minds above the things on this earth, *Colossians 3.2*
2. To live for a better a heavenly country, *Hebrews 11.16*
3. To dwell in Christ, *John 14.1-3*
4. Must be careful of letting the world hold us down.

Conclusion:

Will you be like an eagle? If yes, you must be born right, grow right, live in strength, and security. One interesting quality of eagles is they mate for life. One quality of Christians is to be faithful to Christ.