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## LIKE AN EAGLE: FLYING FAITHFULS

### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Proverbs 20:6

### ADDITIONAL STUDY

Ruth 1:6-19, Proverbs 3:3-4, Luke  
12:35-38, & 42-44

### PRAYER

Father, I ask and receive grace to submit to the Holy Spirit's promptings in all my deeds. May I daily produce fruits of faithfulness through His influence in my life; and may I be a good role model of who a faithful man is in my generation in Jesus' name.

Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, but who can find a faithful man? - **Proverbs 20:6**

Every now and then, nature graces us with the beautiful sights of flying eagles doing their mating dance and eventually mating and raising a family. Eagles (especially, the bald eagle) are known to mate with one partner for life. They are totally committed to their mates. If a mate happens to die, they choose another mate not attached to another eagle; they are good role models of faithfulness. This leads us to our fourth lesson in this series on the Eagle, 'faithfulness.' Faithfulness speaks of trustworthiness, loyalty, dependability, reliability and constancy. It also speaks of being faithful, i.e. having faith and absolute trust in God.

Just like the eagle, faithfulness is a virtue that should characterize your life if you desire to strengthen your walk with God, as well as live a victorious Christian life. Faithfulness should be the hallmark of your relationship with God, your spouse, and others. It behoves Christians to keep their marriage vows to their spouses, "for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, until the parting of death!" Unfortunately today, faithfulness is a rarity amongst many because it goes against the desires of the flesh and of our selfish nature; therefore, people soon renege on their promises. No wonder King Solomon, in today's text, asked rhetorically, "Who can find a faithful man?"

The lack of faithfulness has produced many lukewarm Christians, and many are backslidden, following God from afar. Many marriages have been wrecked as a result of infidelity. Businesses have lost money because employees and partners are not loyal or trustworthy, and many of our dreams die unfulfilled because we lack the constancy to stay with them till we see fruits.

However, God is calling us to embrace faithfulness and let it reflect in all we do, because He is the personification of faithfulness (constant, reliable and trustworthy); and we (Christians) by the indwelling of the Holy spirit in us, already have the fruit of faithfulness resident in our spirits (Galatians 5:22). To bear the fruit of faithfulness therefore, we must be willing to submit and obey the Holy Spirit's promptings in our lives; e.g. if we are tempted to cheat and lie to a business partner about a business deal, but the Holy spirit prompts us to keep our word and we obey Him, we will automatically produce the fruit of faithfulness in that instance. We can produce daily acts of faithfulness in every aspect of our lives by submitting to the Holy Spirit's influence.

The world needs people who don't just proclaim their own goodness, but are faithful indeed; men whose word is their bond. Will you stand to be counted as a faithful man?

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