

5 DEFINING EAGLE LEADERSHIP TRAITS -



For centuries, these seemingly larger-than-life birds have fascinated and inspired us with their brilliant leadership characteristics. When eagles come to mind, people commonly imagine an enormous hunter soaring above wide-open spaces on outsized wings.

Indeed, eagles are among the world's largest birds of prey. We venerate them as living symbols of power, freedom, and transcendence. In some religions, these creatures are believed to touch the face of God. Legend holds that Mexico's Aztec civilizations so revered the birds that they built Tenochtitlan, their capital, at the spot where an eagle perched on a cactus.

For centuries, people have seen eagles as a symbol of beauty, bravery, courage, honour, pride, determination, and grace. This bird is important and symbolic to humanity because of its characteristics. Here are five important characteristics of the eagle that have been closely associated with leadership.

Leadership Qualities of Eagles

1. Eagles have powerful vision.
2. Eagles are fearless.
3. Eagles are tenacious.
4. Eagles are high flyers.
5. Eagles nurture their young.

1. Eagles Have Powerful Vision

If you ever see an eagle sitting high above on a cliff or atop a tree, watch closely and see how attentive the bird is. The body will be still and the head tilted side to side to observe what is happening below, around, and above it. Even if it's flying, you can observe how keen its eyes are, looking for its prey.

The Scientific Facts

- Eagles have extremely powerful vision.
- The eyes of an eagle are specially designed for long-distance focus with clarity.
- The eagle's eye is one of the strongest in the entire animal kingdom (four to eight times stronger than that of the average human).
- An eagle is able to spot a rabbit 3.2 km away.
- An eagle's eyes are roughly the same size as those of a human. In fact, as an eagle descends to attack its prey, the muscles in its eyes continuously adjust the curvature of the eyeballs in order to maintain sharp focus throughout the approach and attack.
- Their eyes are stated to be larger in size than their brain (by weight).
- The most noteworthy features of eagles' eyes are colour vision, high resolution, and clarity.

How These Traits Bring You Success in Your Career

Even if it's flying, you can observe how keen its eyes are, looking for its prey. The eagle teaches us to remain patient, but ever-present, always keeping our eyes to the future, while not forgetting to take note of our present surroundings. When opportunity strikes, you'll need to be the first one to see it and you'll need to move fast. Have a profound vision for your future and constantly remind yourself to stay focused.

How These Characteristics Make You a Better Leader

Does this leadership characteristic ring a bell for you? I am sure it does. Look at great leaders who have come and gone in the world and you'll see they share the characteristic of eagle-like vision, with the ability to both see reality clearly as it is in the present, as well as make accurate predictions about the future.

You must have a vision that guides and leads your team towards the organization's or society's goals. The vision must be big, as well as focused. A big, focused vision will produce big results.

Example of a Great Leader with This Quality

Abraham Lincoln: Take Abraham Lincoln for example. Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, guided his country through the most devastating experience in its national history, the Civil War. He had a vision to save the Union and free the slaves. He is considered by many historians to have been the greatest American president.

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

— Abraham Lincoln