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## You Attract What You Are

(How to bring out the best in other people)  
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### Who is attracted to you?

#### Do you attract **ducks**?

"Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"  
(1 Cor 15:33 NIV)

#### Do you attract **parrots**?

"Don't tell your secrets to a gossip unless you want them broadcast to the world." (Prov 20:19 TLB)

"An evil man sows strife; gossip separates the best of friends."  
(Prov 16:28 TLB)

#### Do you attract **turkeys**?

### How to Attract Eagles

"Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ." (Acts 5:42 NIV)

#### Be a **practical model**.

"If I acted crazy, I did it for God; if I acted overly serious, I did it for you. Christ's love has moved me to such extremes. His love has the first and last word in everything we do. Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could

also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own. Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then **called us to settle our relationships with each other.**"  
(2 Cor. 5:13-18; The Msg)

#### Be a **practicing mentor**.

"Don't waste time arguing over foolish ideas and silly myths and legends. Spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit. Bodily exercise is all right, but spiritual exercise is much more important and is a tonic for all you do. So exercise yourself spiritually, and **PRACTICE BEING A BETTER CHRISTIAN BECAUSE THAT WILL HELP YOU NOT ONLY NOW IN THIS LIFE, BUT IN THE NEXT LIFE TOO.** This is the truth and everyone should accept it. We work hard and suffer much in order that people will believe it, for our hope is in the living God who died for all, and particularly for those who have accepted his salvation. Teach these things and make sure everyone learns them well. Don't let anyone think little of you because you are young. **BE THEIR IDEAL; LET THEM FOLLOW THE WAY YOU TEACH AND LIVE;** be a pattern for them in your love, your faith, and your clean thoughts." (1 Tim 4:7-12 TLB)

#### Be a **principled motivator**.

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Heb 10:23-25 NIV)

"I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. Be as wary as serpents and harmless as doves." (Mat 10:16 TLB)