

# The Warrior Spirit Within Us

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A warrior is a hunter. The spirit of the warrior is to prepare themselves for conflict or struggle at all times. A warrior is constantly aware of their surroundings; they are always seeking the answer to the problem at hand. They calculate everything. They need to be in control to ensure that their life and those they love or deem to shield are protected. When a warrior is prepared for battle and decides to complete their task, nothing will stop them. A warrior is prepared for death; therefore the outcome of the struggle at hand is of no consequence to them. The essence of their mindset is to succeed and survive and win the struggle before them. Once a warrior is prepared for battle, they can let their spirit flow. They can not be concerned with the cost of their actions. The will to survive the struggle far outweighs the cost to those who try to sway their decision making.



**"My life is simple, my food is plain, and my quarters are uncluttered. In all things, I have sought clarity. I face the troubles and problems of life and death willingly. Virtue, integrity and courage**

**are my priorities. I can be approached, but never pushed; befriended but never coerced; killed but never shamed."**  
- Yi Sunshin, Last letter to an old friend

The warrior spirit is as protector of their family, their country, and their company. They have a very strong belief system and a desire to protect those who can not defend themselves. The warrior has definite opinions of good vs. evil. The warrior's greatest challenge comes when they must choose to do what is right within the situation at hand. But once their mind is set, they will ensure that the task is completed, proficiently and without remorse.

**"Each Warrior wants to leave the mark of his will, his signature, on important acts he touches. This is not the voice of ego but of the human spirit, rising up and declaring that it has something to contribute to the solution of the hardest problems, no matter how vexing!"**- Pat Riley



The warrior focuses on their purpose. They prepare for the imminent struggle at hand and plan for success. They take responsibility for their actions and prepare alternate plans of action depending upon the threat before them. The warrior leaves nothing to chance. Life is a chess game; you must constantly plan three moves out. The warrior views life as a challenge and does not complain when the odds are against them; everyone else thinks of life as a blessing or a curse as if life is about chance and luck.

**"Conflict will remain complex and chaotic, and human frailties and irrationality will continue to characterize war's nature. Just as in the past, the root causes of future conflicts will arise from fear, hatred, greed, honor, and ambition. The human dimension of war defies simple logic. For that reason, understanding as much as possible about this dimension becomes critical to influencing and achieving favorable outcomes in future conflicts."** - US Army study of Human Dimension

**"A warrior must only take care that his spirit is not broken."** - Shissai

Our nation is at war and we are blessed to have men and women who serve with the dedication of the warrior spirit. Some have fallen so that you and I can enjoy the freedom that we share every day. It is time for us to become warriors in spirit to assist these men and women who have given their lives, their functional bodies coming home wounded. They are still warriors as they are wounded in body but not in spirit. It is time to reach out to these fine Americans and show them our support' to help them regain their position in society. They were there for us, now it is time for us to be there for them. The wounded warrior needs support: physical, psychological, and job placement support now more than ever. Remember they were on the front lines with that warrior spirit, not knowing when the next attack would come, when the next RPG or bomb blast would accost them. They have to adjust to society again and they need our help. Be a warrior for them; they stood the test of time and were warriors for us.

It is hard to imagine the evil of this world when we live in peace at home without the threat of war in our backyard. But evil exists and there are forces in this world internally and externally that want to see our way of life obliterated. We must remember, the warrior is as much "sensei," or teacher as artist and fighter. We must remember that to be successful as entrepreneurs and workers in this great nation, we must strive to act as warriors at all times. Not many of us have the true warrior spirit within us, so we call upon our warriors to protect our loved ones and our land. We must be willing to protect those who have protected us.

**"Victory is reserved for those who are willing to pay its price."** - Sun Tzu

**"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed, is more important than any other one thing."** - Abraham Lincoln

