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## Class 12: You Are A Warrior

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- I. It's time to take an active inventory of your new learning and your successes.
  - a. It's very easy to take an inventory of where you disappointed yourself and fell short.
  - b. Important to also really be noticing the good choices you made.
- II. A great metaphor for remembering and celebrating your successes, and for staying on track is Your Inner Warrior.
  - a. A lot of people have difficulty accepting that they are a warrior, and that's mostly due to a misunderstanding of what that means.
  - b. People think a warrior is a perpetrator, but historically warrior's stand for justice, the right way, character and dignity.
  - c. A woman can be a warrior just as much as a man.
  - d. A warrior stands for truth, protecting the weak, standing up for what is right and what's just.
  - e. Doing the right thing, in spite of adversity
  - f. It's one of the key aspects of each of our psychological make-up.
  - g. Men ... defending the tribe or family
  - h. Women ... defending the children
- III. At a personal level it's about having the courage to go after what you want: YOU ARE A WARRIOR
- IV. That part of you that doesn't take no for an answer; doesn't back down; doesn't quit, even if it's tough.

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- V. What does it mean to live like a warrior?
  - a. To stand up and face challenges. To not back down.

#### b. To speak your mind and stand up for what you believe in.

- c. To keep you head in the game, even when you want to retreat/quit.
- d. To stay positive and optimistic, even when it would be so easy to be otherwise. Not losing hope or faith.
- e. To confront your fears and face them head on.
- f. Point is not to not be intimidated/scared, it's to proceed in spite of it.
- VI. This isn't necessarily always big and dramatic. Sometimes happens in the most ordinary ways.
  - a. Saying something you're afraid to say.
  - b. Saying no to dessert at a dinner party when you feel guilty embarrassed to stand out.
  - c. Anytime you want to do something, but you're afraid of how others will respond, what they will think. Accepting that some things you have to do won't necessarily be comfortable.
- VII. It's also about staying positive.
  - a. If you're having a really rough spot, not getting depressed. It's one thing to be having a hard time about a situation. It's a totally different one to be getting depressed/despairing about it.
  - b. It's critical to stay positive, to continue to move forward. Asking, "what can I do next?", instead of "Why me?"
  - c. Not feeling sorry for yourself.

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- d. Not being a victim. Owning your own experience and your own life.
- e. Not wanting things to be other than the way they are
- f. Taking 100% responsibility for yourself. No one else is responsible for your experience. You own it 100%.

### VIII. Remember: you already have the tools you need. You just have to use them.

- a. If you don't use your tools, you can't benefit from them.
- Imagine you have a really stocked kitchen. Tons of dishes, pots, pans, silver, fine china.
  Appliances wall to wall in your kitchen. If you were having a big dinner party, would you decide not to use all the kitchen/dining supplies you have?
- c. Would you rent new plates/bowls/pots/pans/stemware/silverware? Would you borrow from a neighbor?
- d. Of course you wouldn't, you'd use what you have. That's why you collected it all.
- e. Same with the tools you've developed.
- f. Breathing, moving through it. Things will work out.
- g. Trusting that things will work out, and recognizing that if you use your tools, you're going to come through challenges much smoother and stronger.

