

TEACH THE WAY OF THE HWA RANG WARRIOR

As a life long Korean martial arts practitioner, I have always been fascinated by the stories, myths, legends, and facts of the Hwa Rang Warriors. These warriors taught and lived by a warrior code and nine virtues. These are not only the basis for Korean Martial Arts, but have roots in Scripture as well.

Any Korean Martial Arts instructor should teach these to his students, and model them in life. By using the Code of the Ancient warrior, and the Scriptures listed, you can use a Traditional Warrior Code to teach Biblical principles to your students in a ministry setting.

A. The Hwa Rang Warrior Code

1. Be loyal to your country. (Romans 13:1-7)

Romans 13:1 *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*

13:2 *Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.*

13:3 *For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:*

13:4 *For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.*

13:5 *Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.*

13:6 *For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.*

13:7 *Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.*

2. Be obedient to your parents. (Eph 6:1-3)

Ephesians 6:1 *Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.*

6:2 *Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;*

6:3 *That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*

3. Have faith and honor among friends. (Proverbs 17:17)

Proverbs 17:17 *A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*

4. Perseverance in battle. (2 Samuel 23:8-12)

2 Samuel 23:8 *These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite: he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.*

23:9 *And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away:*

23:10 *He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.*

23:11 And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines.

23:12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

5. Justice (Ps 82:3)

82:3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

B. The Hwa Rang Warriors Nine Lived Virtues

1. Hi - "humanity" (Job 12:9-10)

Job 12:9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

12:10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.

2. Sum - "goodness" (Ps. 33:4-5)

Psalm 33:4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

33:5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

3. Oui - "justice" (Micah 6:8)

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

4. Duk - "virtue" (2Pe 1:5-8)

2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. Yeh - "courtesy" (Pr. 16:7)

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

6. Chung - "loyalty" (Pr. 17:17)

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

7. Ji - wisdom" (Ps. 111:10)

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

8. Yong - "courage" (Deut. 31:6)

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

9. Sin - "trust" (Ps. 18:2)

Psalm 18:2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Using these virtues and codes insures the student understands the purpose behind the martial arts training he is receiving, learns about the Korean culture, and is exposed to Biblical truth.