The Tenets of Taekwondo

What each tenet means, and the Korean term for it.

Courtesy (Ye Ui)

Courtesy is behavior that demonstrates consideration, cooperation and generosity.

Integrity (Yom Chi)

Integrity is to be honest, trustworthy, and have strong moral principles that you refuse to change, even when no one is watching.

Perseverance (In Nae)

Perseverance is to continue a course of action in the face of difficulty or with little or no prospect of success. A show of determination, steadfastness and persistence.

Self-Control (Kuk Chi)

Self-control is the ability to control one’s emotions, behavior and desires, in the face of difficult situations.

Indomitable Spirit (Beakjul Boolgool)

Indomitable spirit is unconquerable courage, impossible to defeat, and a “yes I can” attitude.

Loyalty

Loyalty is the quality of staying firm and supportive in your commitment to a cause or belief.