

What Makes Us Strong Enough To Survive?



This is the time of year when our thoughts turn to family, friends and blessings. However, it occurs to us here at Survivopedia that maybe, as preppers, we may be a bit more aware of these gifts than other people are, or maybe we're just more active about our feelings. We say this because, for many of us, prepping to survive crisis isn't necessarily all about our personal survival.

Stockpiling, learning what to do in emergencies and studying how to live off the grid aren't actions that are motivated solely by our personal survival response; they're often driven by many other factors, too. We tend to be a family-centric, patriotic lot who just wants to do what's best for those that we care about; that's why we feel the need to prepare for any eventuality.

So WHY do we preppers do what we do?

Family



You see it every species; even the meekest of parents will fight to protect their young if given no other choice.

Our desire to protect our children is ingrained deeply into our DNA and it's probably one of the few urges that can't be overcome or controlled.

If our cubs are threatened, we WILL fight to the end to protect them.

That urge carries forward to our prepping and survival efforts. We stockpile food for our kids and our parents, we teach them survival skills so that they can live even if something happens to us, and we would find an extra reserve of strength to continue fighting if it meant that they would survive, even if we didn't.

Country

Americans are a patriotic people and the desire to protect the rights that have been won with the blood of many is strong.

We respect those that have fought before us and we have an overwhelming desire to protect those rights for ourselves and for our families and friends.

For that matter, we are a people that pull together in times

of strife and even strangers are people worth fighting for, because they're part of the collective "us".



We have the mentality that if you strike one of us, you strike us all and if push comes to shove, we'll dig deep to find the ability to keep fighting in order to protect what we've been given even if it's for those that survive when we don't.

America isn't just a plot of land; it's an ideal and we're willing to die to protect that ideal.

Personal Survival

Of course we want to survive but that compulsion is rarely driven by purely selfish motives. If we die, our kids won't have anybody to protect them, our animals will starve or be taken by those who may abuse or eat them. Our land will be used by those that seek to do our neighbors harm and our country may fall into enemy hands if there are no prepared patriots to stand up and fight for her.

When the going gets tough and there doesn't seem to be an ounce of strength left in us to fight, it won't be selfish reasons that give us the ability to reach deep within ourselves to find a reserve of grit that we didn't even know

we had. It will be the love of family, friends and country that gives us the edge we need to rise and fight some more.

You see, America wasn't built by the selfish or the greedy – it was lovingly and painstakingly created by a group of strong men and women who were tired of being beaten down. The world needed a place where all were equal and welcome; a safe harbor where people could speak freely and raise their families without fear of persecution.

Millions of brave men and women have given their life's blood to protect this wondrous place and it's that sacrifice to protect the ideal that will give us the extra oomph that we need to keep fighting even when we think we have nothing left.

We have what nobody else in the world has, and we'll continue to fight for it regardless of how cold, wet, exhausted, hungry or injured we are, for we have right on our side. Our last breaths will be spent protecting what is ours and fighting to preserve our way of life for generations to come. Our faith in God and Country will sustain us and our will to survive and protect will keep us going long after we should have fallen. We are Americans, and we are strong. In the end, we WILL survive! Happy holidays to you all!

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