

What it means to be Cherokee...What does it mean?

To be Cherokee is to be proud
but not act with pride

To teach, & the willingness to share knowledge
as it does not belong to you

It is the Eagerness & Willingness to learn
as it is our responsibility

It is Acceptance of all things within & outside our control
Never criticizing or judging

It is being Thankful for all things, as everything has a purpose
Never being wasteful, or greedy

To be respectful & loving, never harboring hatred
Respect for Mother Earth, Women, Elders, One's Self, & Each Other
Love of Mother Earth, Women, Elders, One's Self, & Each Other

To work diligently in all aspects of life
While not becoming slothful

Keeping Traditions alive & strong
While passing them down to younger generations

Culture & Spirituality
Practicing our traditions & culture
Maintaining a good relationship with the creator

Although we each have our own journey that we must take, we can help one another get there...we must open up our hearts, our minds, & our ears so that we can feel, know, & hear that what our ancestors are trying to show & tell us!!

~ Tsenisi Wilnoty