



WAGING

THE SUN TZU BRIEF

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Waging war is expensive. Always leverage and exploit. Prolonged conflict even when you are winning is failing. A good plan violently executed now is better than a perfect plan executed next week. A rapid fire series of small containable conflicts is preferable over a single large conflict.

“A thousand pieces of gold will be spent each day. Crude yet quick Strategies have been known. Therefore, clever leaders endeavor to use their opponent’s food. One container of the opponent’s food is the same as twenty containers of their own; and one unit of fodder is the same as twenty units of their own. The best triumph is a swift one.” WING

“When you do battle, even if you are winning, if you continue for a long time it will dull your forces and blunt your edge; if you besiege a citadel, your strength will be exhausted. If you keep your armies out in the field for a long time, your supplies will be insufficient.” CLEARY

“Those who are near the army sell at high prices. Because of high prices, the wealth of the common people is exhausted....When resources are exhausted, then levies are made under pressure. When power and resources are exhausted, then the homeland is drained. The common people are deprived of seventy percent of their budget, while the government+s expenses for equipment amount to sixty percent of its budget...Therefore a wise general strives to feed off the enemy. Each pound of food taken from the enemy is equivalent to twenty pounds you provide by yourself.” CLEARY