

# Be Responsible

I once read on the cover of a Spiderman comic book a saying so profound, it remains one of my favorite quotes. The quote says, "With power comes great responsibility." The statement is certainly simple, but the truth behind it is most complex. Why is there responsibility? The most obvious reason is without responsibility, one runs the risk of losing that power. Looking at it next from a foresighted perspective, one also runs the risk of recrimination for an action. Finally, from the humanitarian perspective, responsibility promotes the positive welfare of all humankind, and ensure the promulgation of peace and goodwill. To use responsibility can be a challenge. First, the power must be built up through responsibility, accountability, passion, and courage, among other things. That power must then be channeled, RESPONSIBLY into peaceful means aimed at achieving peaceful goals.

**Joseph Kaluza**

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Responsibility is so important and is an asset when working in groups of people when you have be counted on. Responsibility is taking the fall if you did something wrong, or being able to cope with situations without losing it, or not accepting the extra work.

**Melanie Coulas**

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RESPONSIBILITY means that you understand the consequences for your actions and that you are willing to deal with them. It means that you put your duties to your family, friends, and yourself first. It means that you strive to do the best you can for those around you and also for yourself. It means that you work hard at everything you do. Finally it means recognizing that you have limits to what you can personally do, but at the same time, realizing that you have the power and the ability to make a difference in society and in other people's lives. Use that power and ability well and you will reap the benefits.

**Elizabeth Linsley**

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As you get older you gain more freedom, but you also get responsibilities. Responsibilities are things such as chores, work, and your own personal responsibility of taking care of YOURSELF and choosing what is best for you! You have to learn to think about things before you make a decision and just plain use your head! If you aren't responsible, you often lose your freedom, and mess up your life. Being irresponsible just is not worth it, so take the easy choice and be responsible!

**Lilly Field**

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Responsibility is something we have to accomplish by the age of 16, for most of us. Sixteen is when we get our first jobs and we have to go to them or we can't have a car! A car is a big responsibility, also. You have to drive carefully and get gas and be very cautious. And as we get older, our responsibilities increase. We have to do so many things in one day and get everything done on time. School right now is our biggest responsibility. We have to go to school to accomplish our goals. We have to get passing grades in order to graduate and move on to college, to get better paying jobs. We might as well keep up with our responsibilities or else we are not going to make it in today's society.

**Michelle Andoniello**

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We all know that as you get older, you get more privileges. With the "cool" stuff (staying out later, getting a car, voting...) comes an enormous amount of responsibility. Responsibility is the duty you have to live by what your morals. Responsibility is knowing right from wrong. All you have to do to be responsible is live your life from good deeds and good judgment.

**Stephanie Bullen**