

BEST QUOTES ON RESPONSIBILITY

Daddy said: 'All children must look after their own upbringing.' Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.

--Anne Frank

Few things help an individual more than to place responsibility upon him, and to let him know that you trust him.

--Booker T. Washington

Every human being has a responsibility for injustice anywhere in the community.

--Scott Buchanan

I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions.

—Stephen R. Covey

The father who does not teach his son his duties is equally guilty with the son who neglects them.

--Confucius

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly.

--Thomas Henry Huxley

How few there are who have courage enough to own their faults, or resolution enough to mend them.

--Benjamin Franklin

God gives every bird his worm, but he does not throw it into the nest.

--Swedish Proverb

Those who take responsibility for their actions are the real winners in life. Winners meet life challenges and head on, knowing there are no guarantees, and give it all they've got, and never think it's too late, or too early to begin.

—Unknown

What bothers me is smokers who don't take responsibility for their own actions. Claiming ignorance: 'I started smoking when I was kid and now I can't stop!' Yeah, I used to wet my pants when I was younger..I got over it.

—Brad Stine

Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.

--John Fitzgerald
Kennedy

We have a responsibility to represent the name on the front of our jerseys, on and off the field, in such a way that our fellow students, faculty, administrators and alumni have good reason to say... 'He's one of ours.' We have a responsibility to represent the name on the back of our jerseys in such a way that our parents, brothers, sisters, and family members have good reason to say... 'He's one of us.'

--Kirk Cousins

One of the important things to learn about parenting is that the more you worry about a child, the less the child will worry about him or herself... Instead of worrying, watch with fascination and wonder as your child's life unfolds, and help the child take responsibility for his or her own life.

--Charlotte Davis Kasl

We are not only responsible for what we do, but also for what we do not do.

--Molière

The day you take complete responsibility for yourself, the day you stop making excuses and stop blaming others, is the day you start on the road to accomplishment and success.

--Dan L. Miller

If one defines the term 'dropout' to mean a person who has given up serious effort to meet his responsibilities, then every business office, government agency, golf club and university faculty would yield its quota.

--John W. Gardner

Responsibility, n. A detachable burden easily shifted to the shoulders of God, Fate, Fortune, Luck or one's neighbor. In the days of astrology it was customary to unload it upon a star.

--Ambrose Bierce

No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible.

--Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

None of us is responsible for all the things that happen to us, but we are responsible for the way we act when they do happen.

--Unknown

Responsibility is the thing we dread most of all. Yet it is the one thing in the world that develops us, gives us manhood or womanhood.

--Frank Crane

The only way to get rid of responsibilities is to discharge them.

--Walter S. Robertson

The only immorality is to not do what one has to do when one has to do it.

--Jean Anouilh

Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.

--Thomas Jefferson

Make it a point to do something every day that you don't want to do. This is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain.

--Mark Twain

Pleasure is due only when all duty's done.

--R. Pollock

If the boss hands you a tough job, he isn't picking on you. He's complimenting you. Batting practice pitchers aren't selected to hurl the first game of the world series.

--Unknown

Obedience is a deeply ingrained behavior tendency, indeed a potent impulse overriding training in ethics, sympathy, and moral conduct...For a person to feel responsible for his actions, he must sense that the behavior has flowed from the self. It is easy to ignore responsibility when one is only an intermediate link in a chain of action.

--Stanley Milgram

Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.

--George Bernard Shaw

The price of greatness is responsibility.

--Winston Churchill

Abasement, degradation is simply the manner of life of the man who has refused to be what it is his duty to be.

--Jose Ortega y Gasset

The ability to accept responsibility is the measure of the man.

--Roy L. Smith

Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will-his personal responsibility in the realm of faith and morals.

--Albert Schweitzer

Offer a suggestion and the entire project becomes your responsibility.

--Unknown

Facing it—always facing it—that's the way to get through, Face it! That's enough for any man.

--Joseph Conrad

Life is to be lived; there is no help for it.

--Eleanor Roosevelt

The woods are lovely, dark, and deep.

But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

--Robert Frost

Do not free a camel of the burden of his hump. You may be freeing him from being a camel.

--G. K. Chesterton

It seemed to me a matter of course that we should all take our share of the burden of pain which lies upon the world.

--Albert Schweitzer

There are various routes of escape from responsibility: escape into death, escape into disease, and escape into stupidity. The last is the safest and easiest, for even intelligent people are usually closer to the goal than they would like to think.

--Arthur Schnitzler

The hippies have shown that it can be pleasant to drop out of the arduous task of attempting to steer a difficult unrewarding society. But when that is done, you leave the driving to the Hell's Angels.

--Warren Hinckle

The individual has no recourse from the necessity of making final decisions for himself, and to make them in the last analysis in freedom and isolation may require literally as well as figuratively an agony of anxiety and inward struggle.

--Rollo May

Nothing comes of a sortie you have got out of.

--Antoine de
Saint-Exupery

We cannot hope to scale great moral heights by ignoring petty obligations.

--Agnes Repplier

To be a man is, precisely, to be responsible.

--Antoine de
Saint-Exupery

Today responsibility is often meant to denote duty, something imposed upon one another from the outside. But responsibility, in its true sense, is an entirely voluntary act; it is my response to the needs, expressed or unexpressed, of another human being.

--Erich Fromm

We know, we affirm, I know and I affirm that at the very core of our being, of my being, there is the fact of responsibility.

--Eric Gill

We need to restore the full meaning of that old word, duty. It is the other side of rights.

--Pearl Buck

What a fearful object a long-neglected duty gets to be.

--Chauncey Wright

In doing what we ought we deserve no praise, because it is our duty.

--St. Augustine

The greatest ability is dependability.

--Curt Bergwall

Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desires by according to our powers.

--Henri Frédéric Amiel

The last pleasure in life is the sense of discharging our duty.

--William Hazlitt

Without duty, life is soft and boneless; it cannot hold itself together.

--Joseph Joubert

Duty then is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less.

--Robert E. Lee

When Duty comes a-knocking at your gate,
Welcome him in; for if you bid him wait,
He will depart only to come once more
And bring seven other duties to your door.

--Edwin Markham

To an honest man, it is an honor to have remembered his duty.

--Plautus

There is no growth except in the fulfillment of obligations.

--Saint-Exupery

A chief is a man who assumes responsibility. He says, 'I was beaten.' He does not say, 'My men were beaten.' Thus speaks a real man.

--Antoine de
Saint-Exupéry

How can you come to know yourself? Never by thinking, always by doing. Try to do your duty, and you'll know right away what you amount to. And what is your duty? Whatever the day calls for.

--Johann Wolfgang von
Goethe

Character is a by-product; it is produced in the great manufacture of daily duty.

--Woodrow Wilson

The reward of one duty done is the power to fulfill another.

--George Eliot

Duty leads a few to virtue and the rest to discontent.

--Unknown

Duty is what one expects from others.

--Oscar Wilde

We should not argue when duty calls—we should act.

--Sophocles

When the cat's away, the mice will play.

--Spanish Proverb

If you would be content, do what you ought, not what you please.

—Benjamin Franklin

Responsibility is like old age in that it is not possible to escape from either of them.

--Unknown

Duty is a task we look forward to with distaste, perform with reluctance, and brag about afterwards.

--Unknown

Happiness will never come your way as long as your back is turned on duty.

--Unknown

Those who shrink from responsibilities keep on shrinking in other ways too.

--Unknown

When you take responsibility on your shoulders there is not much room left for chips.

--Unknown

Life has no meaning except in terms of responsibility.

--Reinhold Niebuhr

We cannot be said to be aware of our minds save under responsibility.

--Thornton Niven Wilder

To live without duties is obscene.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

I slept and dreamed that life was beauty.

I woke—and found that life was duty.

--Ellen Sturgis Hopper

My duty is to obey orders.

--Stonewall Jackson

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.

--John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

That which is common to the greatest number has the least care bestowed upon it.

--Aristotle

Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required.

--*Luke* 12:48

Responsibility is to oneself; and the highest form of it is irresponsibility to oneself which is to say the calm acceptance of whatever responsibility to others and things comes a-long.

--John Cage

Man must now assume the responsibility for his world. He can no longer shove it off on religious power.

--Harvey Cox

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--Saint-Exupery

Though the wisdom or virtue of one can very rarely make many happy, the folly or vice of one man often make many miserable.

--Samuel Johnson

Our privileges can be no greater than our obligations. The protection of our rights can endure no longer than the performance of our responsibilities.

--John F. Kennedy

Responsibility's like a string we can only see the middle of. Both ends are out of sight.

--William McFee

Knowledge of our duties is the most essential part of the philosophy of life. If you escape duty you avoid action. The world demands results.

--George W. Goethals

There is little pleasure in the world that is true and sincere beside the pleasure of doing our duty and doing good. I am sure no other is comparable to this.

--Tillotson

Hell is truth seen too late—duty neglected in its season.

--Tryon Edwards

Complete equality means universal irresponsibility.

--T. S. Eliot

Let us do our duty in our shop or our kitchen, in the market, the street, the office, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front rank of some great battle, and knew that victory for mankind depended on our bravery, strength and skill. When we do that, the humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world.

--Theodore Parker

Who escapes a duty, avoids a gain.

--Theodore Parker

We all know our duty better than we discharge it.

--John Randolph

Only aim to do your duty, and mankind will give you credit where you fail.

--Thomas Jefferson

A duty dodged is like a debt unpaid; it is only deferred, and we must come back and settle the account at last.

--Joseph F. Newton

He who is false to the present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and you will see the effect when the weaving of a lifetime is unravelled.

--William Ellery
Channing

Never mind your happiness; do your duty.

--Will Durant

It is wonderful what strength of purpose and boldness and energy of will are roused by the assurance that we are doing our duty.

--Walter Scott

A sense of duty is useful in work, but offensive in personal relations. People wish to be liked, not be endured with patient resignation.

--Bertrand Russell

There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy. By being happy we sow anonymous benefits upon the world.

--Robert Louis Stevenson

Accept responsibility for your failures. Take courage from the fact that only you can turn them to success.

--J. Donald Walters

Responsibility develops some individuals and ruins others.

--Robert Woodson

Wake up. The hour has come to be more responsible. Change this world by starting with yourself. The world is not going to change until you change.

--Dr. Betty Shabazz

People need responsibility. They resist assuming it, but they cannot get along without it.

--John Steinbeck

Responsibility for learning belongs with the student regardless of age.

--Robert Martin

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The first duty of a human being is to assume the right relationship to society—more briefly, to find your real job, and do it.

--Charlotte Perkins
Gilman

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To let oneself be bound by a duty from the moment you see it approaching is part of the integrity that alone justifies responsibility.

--Dag Hammarskjöld

In the final analysis it is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.

--Ann Landers

If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.

--Abigail Van Buren

Freedom does not mean the right to do whatever we please, but rather to do whatever we ought....The right to do whatever we please reduces freedom to a physical power and forgets that freedom is a moral power.

--Fulton J. Sheen

You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that end each of us must work for his own improvement, and at the same time share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful.

--Marie Curie

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

--Benjamin Franklin

People think responsibility is hard to bear. It's not. I think that sometimes it is the absence of responsibility.

--Henry Kissinger

God gave burdens, also shoulders.

--Yiddish Proverb

If it is to be,
It is up to me.

--William H. Johnson

The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,
But in ourselves, that we are underlings.

--William Shakespeare in
Julius Caesar

Man's responsibility increases as that of the gods decreases.

--André Gide

A new position of responsibility will usually show a man to be a far stronger creature than was supposed.

--William James

When declaring your rights, don't forget your responsibilities.

--H. Jackson Brown

There are pragmatic reasons for all of us to focus on our responsibilities rather than our rights. A society driven by responsibilities is oriented toward service, acknowledging other points of view, compromise, and progress—whereas a society driven by rights is oriented toward acquisition, confrontation, and advocacy. If we...treat others as ourselves, the fabric of society does not have to be threatened in the struggle to achieve rights.

--Keshavan Nair

A democratic form of government, a democratic way of life, presupposes free public education over a long period; it presupposes also an education for personal responsibility that too often is neglected.

--Eleanor Roosevelt

The fact of the matter is that the prime responsibility of a woman probably is to be on earth long enough to find the best mate possible for herself, and conceive children who will improve the species.

--Norman Mailer

Women, who are beginning to understand that it has benefited a patriarchal society to make adults of men by giving them all the real responsibility, and to make children of women by depriving them of all the real responsibility.

--Vivian Gornick

The men and women who have the right ideals ... are those who have the courage to strive for the happiness which comes only with labor and effort and self-sacrifice, and those whose joy in life springs in part from power of work and sense of duty.

--Theodore Roosevelt

No man was ever endowed with a right without being at the same time saddled with a responsibility.

--Gerald W. Johnson

Responsibility is the price of greatness.

--Winston Churchill

Every human being has a work to carry on within, duties to perform abroad, influence to exert, which are peculiarly his, and which no conscience but his own can teach.

--William Ellery
Channing

Responsibility educates.

--Wendell Phillips

You will find men who want to be carried on the shoulders of others, who think that the world owes them a living. They don't seem to see that we must all lift together and pull together.

--Henry Ford II

The Buck Stops Here.

--Harry S. Truman

No one is ever so blind as not to be able to see another person's duty.

--Unknown

Absolute liberty is absence of restraint; responsibility is restraint; therefore, the ideally free individual is responsible to himself.

--Henry Brooks Adams

My personal philosophy is quite simple. I am responsible for me and must oversee with great sensitivity the impact of what I say and/or do on others.

--Barbara Jordan

Duty: What one expects of others.

—Oscar Wilde

When the freedom they wished for most was freedom from responsibility, then Athens ceased to be free and was never free again.

--Edith Hamilton

Take your life in your own hands, and what happens? A terrible thing: no one to blame.

--Erica Jong

A youth was questioning a lonely old man, 'What is life's heaviest burden?' he asked.

The old man answered sadly, 'To have nothing to carry.'

--Unknown

If a task is once begun
Never leave it till it's done.
Be the labor great or small
Do it well or not at all.

--Unknown

It is a painful thing
To look at your own trouble and know
That you yourself and no one else has made it.

--Sophocles

Life always gets harder toward the summit—the cold increases, responsibility increases.

--Friedrich Wilhelm
Nietzsche

In you watch your pot, your food will not burn.

--Mauritanian Proverb

Know that individual responsibility is the basis of freedom, and that the limitations imposed by fate (whether fair or unfair) are no excuse for passivity.

--Shelby Steele

Responsibility should always be coupled with corresponding authority.

--Chester Barnard

Provision for others is the fundamental responsibility of human life.

—Woodrow Wilson

Responsibility is the great developer of men.

--Mary Parker Follette

A man who enjoys responsibility usually gets it. A man who merely likes exercising authority usually loses it.

--Malcolm S. Forbes

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

--Abraham Lincoln

It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities.

--Sir Josiah Stamp

Every right has its responsibilities. Like the right itself, these responsibilities stem from no man-made law, but from the very nature of man and society. The security, progress and welfare of one group is measured finally in the security, progress and welfare of all mankind.

--Lewis Schwellenbach

A man to be truly free must accept responsibilities. To be relieved of responsibility means to lose freedom and liberty.

--C. T. A. Sparks

The price of power is responsibility for the public good.

--Winthrop W. Aldrich

If you load responsibility on a man unworthy of it he will always betray himself.
--August Heckscher

Responsibility walks hand in hand with capacity and power.
--J. G. Holland

Life is the acceptance of responsibilities or their evasion; it is a business of meeting obligations or avoiding them. To every man the choice is continually being offered, and by the manner of his choosing you may fairly measure him.
--Ben Ames Williams

You are not in charge of the universe: you are in charge of yourself.
--Arnold Bennett

What the people wanted was a government which would provide a comfortable life for them, and with this as the foremost object ideas of freedom and self-reliance and service to the community were obscured to the point of disappearing. Athens was more and more looked on as a co-operative business possessed of great wealth in which all citizens had a right to share....Athens had reached the point of rejecting independence, and the freedom she now wanted was freedom from responsibility. There could be only one result....If men insisted on being free from the burden of a life that was self-dependent and also responsible for the common good, they would cease to be free at all. Responsibility was the price every man must pay for freedom. It was to be had on no other terms.
--Edith Hamilton

A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.
--Albert Einstein

There are plenty of recommendations on how to get out of trouble cheaply and fast. Most of them come down to this: Deny your responsibility.
--Lyndon B. Johnson

If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.
--Harry S. Truman

It is time, in the West, to defend not so much human rights as human obligations.
--Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

God help those who do not help themselves.

--Wilson Mizener

If you want to make sure your children's feet are on the ground, try putting some responsibility on their shoulders.

--Abigail Van Buren

If you're the baddest dude on the block, you've got responsibilities. If you got the weight, you got to take the freight.

--Walter Dean Myers

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better.
It's not.

--Dr. Seuss

I had been educated to the belief that when I was wrong....it was my responsibility—mine alone—to admit my fault and make amends.

--Avi

A bad workman always blames his tools.

--Proverb

There are admirable potentialities in every human being. Believe in your strength and your youth. Learn to repeat endlessly to yourself, 'It all depends on me.'

--Andre Gide

Responsibility and resilience go together. Winning and whining don't.

--Roger Crawford

To decide, to be at the level of choice, is to take responsibility for your life and to be in control of your life.

--Abbie M. Dale

A new position of responsibility will usually show a man to be a far stronger creature than was supposed.

--William James

In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.

--Eleanor Roosevelt

Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility. For the person who is unwilling to grow up, the person who does not want to carry his own weight, this is a frightening prospect.

--Eleanor Roosevelt

Responsibilities gravitate to the person who can shoulder them.

--Tom Stoppard

A nation is formed by the willingness of each of us to share in the responsibility for upholding the common good.

--Barbara Jordan

When we look at our flag and behold it emblazoned with all our rights, we must remember that it is equally a symbol of our duties.

--Calvin Coolidge

The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he should be able and willing to pull his weight.

--Theodore Roosevelt

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--Winston Churchill

I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.

--Bob Dylan

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--Dag Hammarskjöld

Life always rides in strength to victory, not through internationalism... but only through the direct responsibility of the individual.

--Frank Lloyd Wright

There is a powerful craving in most of us to see ourselves as instruments in the hands of others and thus free ourselves from the responsibility for acts which are prompted by our own questionable inclinations and impulses.

--Eric Hoffer

Rules reduce freedom and responsibility. Enforcement of rules is coercive and manipulative, which diminishes spontaneity and absorbs a group energy. The more coercive you are, the more resistant the group will become.

--John Heider

The brave man inattentive to his duty, is worth little more to his country than the coward who deserts in the hour of danger.

--Andrew Jackson

Maturity comes not with age but with the acceptance of responsibility. You are only young once but immaturity can last a lifetime!

--Edwin Louis Cole

Man is condemned to be free; because once thrown into the world, he is responsible for everything he does.

--Jean-Paul Sartre

Responsibilities are given to him on whom trust rests. Responsibility is always a sign of trust.

—James Cash Penney

Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Duty then is the sublimest word in the English language. You should do your duty in all things. You can never do more, you should never wish to do less.

—Robert E. Lee

Activate yourself to duty by remembering your position, who you are, and what you have obliged yourself to be.

—Thomas Kempis

An individual step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.

—Robert Baden-Powell

Every human being is the author of his own health or disease.

—Buddha

Children need to learn to take responsibility for their actions so that they do not become adults believing that nothing is ever their fault.

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Nobody but you is responsible for your life. It doesn't matter what your mama did; it doesn't matter what your daddy didn't do. You are responsible for your life. You are responsible for the energy that you create for yourself, and you're responsible for the energy that you bring to others.

—Oprah Winfrey

People with self-respect exhibit a certain toughness, a kind of moral nerve: they display what was once called character, a quality which, although approved in the abstract, sometimes loses ground to other, more instantly negotiable virtues. The measure of its slipping prestige is that one tends to think of it only in connection with homely children and United States senators who have been defeated, preferably in the primary, for reelection. Nonetheless, character—the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life—is the source from which self-respect springs.

—Joan Didion

It is our responsibilities, not ourselves, that we should take seriously.

—Peter Ustinov

Remember you are always responsible for how you act, no matter how you feel.

—Robert Tew

If you want your eggs hatched, sit on them yourself.

—Haitian Proverb

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's!!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-base paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, locks on doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had baseball caps not helmets on our heads.

As infants & children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes.

Riding in the back of a pick- up truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and no one actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter and bacon. We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar. And, we weren't overweight. WHY?

Because we were always outside playing...that's why!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And, we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride them down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's and X-boxes. There were no video games, no 150 channels on cable, no video movies or DVDs, no surround-sound or CDs, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet and no chat rooms.

WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and, although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever.

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

If YOU are one of them—CONGRATULATIONS!

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Consultant James M. Bleech of Jacksonville, FL recently took a survey of 110 executives to find out which excuses they use most.

‘It’s not my fault’—a sort of generic denial of responsibility—headed the list. It was followed by, ‘It’s someone else’s fault.’

‘Something else came up,’ was third, followed by ‘I didn’t have time’ and ‘We’ve never done it that way before.’ The old standby, ‘No one told me to do it’ ranked sixth, at about half the frequency of the number one excuse.

Bringing up the rear: ‘I had too many interruptions’; ‘If only my supervisor really understood’; ‘I will get to it later’; and ‘No one showed me how to do it.’

Absent from the list—and it’s probably just a matter of time—was ‘The computers were down.’

—James M. Bleech
(1995)

Where the actions of one can drastically affect the lives of others far distant, it will be crucially important that each person master the skill of feeling what others feel....One of the first tasks of education, then, is to return man to himself; to encourage rather than stifle awareness; to educate the emotions, the senses, the so-called autonomic systems; to help people become truly responsive and therefore truly responsible.

--George Leonard

The world rewards those who take responsibility for their own success.

—Curt Gerrish

No matter how good teaching may be, each student must take the responsibility for his own education.

—John Carolus

The most dangerous aspect of present-day life is the dissolution of the feeling of individual responsibility. Mass solitude has done away with any difference between the internal and the external, between the intellectual and the physical.

—Eugenio Montale

Here's your responsibility,
The greatest mortal ever had—
Just to be worthy, friend, to be
Some youngster's dad.

--Douglas Malloch

The best interests of the child shall be the guiding principle of those responsible for his education and guidance; and that responsibility lies in the first place with his parents.

--*The United Nations*

Our most important task as parents is raising children who will be decent, responsible, and caring people devoted to making this world a more compassionate place.

--Neil Kurshan

Chores begin when your child can pick it up, put it away, fold it, sort it, or carry it out the door.

--Jean Ross Peterson

When it comes to little girls, God the father has nothing on father, the god. It's an awesome responsibility.

--Frank Pittman

If I could summarize my suggestions to parents over the past twenty-five years it would be: worry less, criticize less, preach less, listen more, have more fun, be more honest with your own feelings, develop your own joys and friendships, and don't sweat the small stuff (which is nearly everything). The goal is not to be a perfect parent, because no such thing exists. The hope is to be a good enough parent so that your child leaves home a responsible adult who can take care of him or herself.

--Charlotte Davis Kasl

The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.

--Denis Waitly

The finest inheritance you can give to a child is to allow it to make its own way, completely on its own feet.

--Isadora Duncan

One common concern of parents these days is that children grow up too fast. But sometimes it seems as if children don't get the space to grow up at all; they just become adept at mimicking the habits of adulthood....children used to gradually take on responsibilities, year by year. They crossed the road, went to the store; eventually some of them got small neighborhood jobs. Their pride was wrapped up in competence and independence, which grew as they tried and mastered activities they hadn't known how to do the previous year. But these days, middle-class children, at least, skip these milestones. They spend a lot of time in the company of adults, so they can talk and think like them, but they never build up the confidence to be truly independent and self-reliant.

--Hanna Rosin

Some men just aren't cut out for paternity. Better they should realize it before and not after they become responsible for a son.

—Lois McMaster Bujold

Take responsibility for yourself., because no one's going to take responsibility for you.

—Tyra Banks

Every choice comes with a consequence. Once you make a choice, you must accept responsibility. You cannot escape the consequences of your choices, whether you like them or not.

—Roy T. Bennett

There's a huge difference for taking responsibility for one's actions, and taking credit, and in this scenario I think we need to give credit where credit is due. I won't take responsibility for my teacher's drinking problem, but I will take credit for it.

—Benjamin Tomes

Women are not men's equals in anything except responsibility. We are not their inferiors, either, or even their superiors. We are quite simply different races.

--Phyllis McGinley

We have a responsibility to use the platform we've been give to provide a true example of what it means to be a young man to those 10- and 12-year-old boys who see us as bigger than life. I know this to be true, because just a few short years ago, I was one of those 12-year-old boys...and I remember well how I looked up to the players whose position, by God's grace, I'm standing in today.

--Kirk Cousins

One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes... and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility.

--Eleanor Roosevelt

We are responsible for our own relationships, their successes, their failures, the good times, the bad times. Take responsibility for creating the relationships that you desire.

—Sam Owen

If you choose not to live self-responsibly, you count on others to make up your default. No one abjures self-responsibility on a desert island.

—Nathaniel Branden

Man is still responsible. He must turn the alloy of modern experience into the steel of mastery and character. His success lies not with the stars but with himself. He must carry on the fight of self-correction and discipline. He must fight mediocrity as sin and live against the imperative of life's highest ideal.

--Frank Curtis Williams

I believe that we are solely responsible for our choices, and we have to accept the consequences of every deed, word, and thought throughout our lifetime.

--Elisabeth Kübler-Ross

My will shall shape my future. Whether I fail or succeed shall be no man's doing but my own. I am the force; I can clear any obstacle before me or I can be lost in the maze. My choice, my responsibility; win or lose, only I hold the key to my destiny.

--Elaine Maxwell

Self-discipline: Controlling your own behavior and actions responsibly without being told.

—Unknown

The only person who cannot be helped is that person who blames others.

—Carl Rogers

Guiding the behavior of young children involves establishing mutual respect and expecting cooperation. Effective discipline is positive and child focused. It encourages self-control and appropriate behavior. Through effective discipline, children can learn to make positive choices, learn problem-solving skills, and learn values of respect and responsibility.

—Peggy O' Harrelson

The disappearance of a sense of responsibility is the most far-reaching consequence of submission to authority.

—Stanley Milgram

There is no truth without responsibility following in its wake.

—Kenneth L. Pike

We can delegate authority, but not responsibility.

—Lee Cockerell

It is the responsibility of leadership to provide opportunity, and the responsibility of individuals to contribute.

—William Pollard

Maturity doesn't come with age; it comes with acceptance of responsibility.

—Ed Cole

Employer: We need someone who's highly responsible.

Applicant: In that case, I'm your man. At my last job, every time something went wrong, they told me I was responsible.

—*AARP Bulletin*

Truant high school students are doing themselves a great disservice. They are cheating themselves out of a fundamental education that serves as a building block for a future in a society that is providing a smaller and smaller niche for the less-educated. Perhaps most important of all is that they are failing to develop a sense of responsibility.

--J. P. Sanders

We have not passed that subtle line between childhood and adulthood until we move from the passive voice to the active voice-that is, until we have stopped saying 'It got lost,' and say, 'I lost it.'

—Sydney Harris

Bad habits acquired at an early age tend to stay with us as we mature. The student who shows a lack of responsibility by cutting classes may tend to avoid job or family responsibility later in life. The best predictor of future performance is past performance since typically people do not naturally change their behavior as they mature.

--Christopher P. Dona

Good attendance is an indication of being a responsible person and that is an essential quality for growth.

--Douglas W. Pelino

Success is measured in terms of reaching your goals, dreams, and expectations. Your success is determined by hard work, persistence, and determination. If you are going to be a success in life, it is up to you... it is your responsibility.

—Will Horton

Procrastination is the fear of success. People procrastinate because they are afraid of the success that they know will result if they move ahead now. Because success is heavy, carries responsibility with it, it is much easier to procrastinate and live on the 'someday I'll' philosophy.

—Denis Waitley

Divide responsibility and nobody is responsible.

—W. Edwards Deming

Work is a responsibility most adults assume, a burden at times, a complication, but also a challenge that, like children, requires enormous energy and that holds the potential for qualitative, as well as quantitative, rewards. Isn't this the only constructive perspective for women who have no choice but to work? And isn't it a more healthy attitude for women writhing with guilt because they choose to compound the challenges of motherhood with work they enjoy?

--Melinda M. Marshall

Patriotism is a lively sense of responsibility. Nationalism is a silly cock crowing on its own dunghill.

--Richard Aldington

Knowing how beleaguered working mothers truly are—knowing because I am one of them—I am still amazed at how one need only say ‘I work’ to be forgiven all expectation, to be assigned almost a handicapped status that no decent human being would burden further with demands. ‘I work’ has become the universally accepted excuse, invoked as an all-purpose explanation for bowing out, not participating, letting others down, or otherwise behaving inexcusably.

--Melinda M. Marshall

Successful workers communicate effectively, orally and in writing, and have social and behavioral skills that make them responsible and good at teamwork. They are creative and techno-savvy, have a good command of fractions and basic statistics, and can apply relatively simple math to real-world problems such as those concerning financial or health literacy.

—R. I. Lerman and
A. Packer

In a democracy, the individual enjoys not only the ultimate power but carries the ultimate responsibility.

--Norman Cousins

Political activity is the highest responsibility of a citizen.

--John F. Kennedy

I myself am a part of democracy—I myself must accept responsibilities. Democracy is not merely a privilege to be enjoyed—it is a trust to keep and maintain.

--Stephen Vincent Benet

The right to vote comes with a responsibility to vote.

—*Canada’s Immigration
Website*

Responsibilities gravitate to the person who can shoulder them; power flows to the man who knows how.

--Elbert Hubbard

African-American leaders have now taken hold of the concept that we need to be responsible for what goes on in our own backyard. In terms of solutions we need to look inward... We need to do a better job of parenting. We need to create extended families. We need to create our own economic institutions. We need to take responsibility for what goes on in our communities, in our families.

--Bill Nabor

We have a moral responsibility to protect the earth and ensure that our children and grandchildren have a healthy and sustainable environment in which to live.

—Jim Clyburn

Our responsibility is to carry our generation one step forward.

--Mary McLeod Bethune
(1875-1955)

I want my children—I want Malia and Sasha—to understand that they’ve got responsibilities beyond just what they themselves have done. That they’ve a responsibility to the larger community and the larger nation, that they should be sensitive to and extra thoughtful about the plight of people who have been oppressed in the past, are oppressed currently. So that’s a wisdom that I want to transmit to my kids...But I would say that’s a high level of enlightenment that you’re looking to have from a majority of the society. And it may be something that future generations are more open to, but I am pretty confident that for the foreseeable future, using the argument of nondiscrimination, and ‘Let’s get it right for the kids who are here right now,’ and giving them the best chance possible is going to be a more persuasive argument.

—Barack Obama

Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity.

--Kahlil Gibran

Marriage is a feminine plot to add to a man’s responsibilities and subtract from his rights.

—Evan Esar

Errors are inevitable. The mark of character is not refusing to recognize them, but acknowledging them and taking responsibility.

—Andrew Sullivan

High school is a lot more about growing up and developing an adult identity and sense of responsibility than it is about classroom learning. If you have not had a healthy socialization to the opposite sex during high school, you can look forward to immature posturing, fear-driven antipathy, and bad sexual judgment in college: a time when you may lack the support systems of friends and family, and when learning should be the primary focus of your activities.

--*The New Republic*

Take responsibility of your own happiness, never put it in other people's hands.

—Roy T. Bennett

There are always those who think they know what is your responsibility better than you do.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind, but you can change yourself. That is something you have charge of.

—Jim Rohn

Our only responsibility is to live our own life and take care of our own children.

—Leon Kass

The best day of your life is the one on which you decide your life is your own. No apologies or excuses. No one to lean on, rely on, or blame. The gift is yours — it is an amazing journey—and you alone are responsible for the quality of it. This is the day your life really begins.

—Bob Moawad

Every man is the architect of his own life. He builds it just the way he wants it. However, after he has built what he wants, he sometimes decides that he doesn't like what he has built and looks for someone or something to blame instead of changing himself.

—Sydney Madwed

Everything you do is based on the choices you make. It's not your parents, your past relationships, your job, the economy, that is to blame. You and only you are responsible for every decision you make. Period.

—*Workingwomen.com*