

# What is responsibility to you?



Life is full of choices. Being responsible means being in charge of our choices and, thus, our lives.

Responsibility requires us to recognize that what we do and what we don't do matters and that we are responsible for the consequences of our choices.

Responsibility reaches far and wide – maybe into areas of our life that we hadn't considered. Being responsible is more than just doing what you are supposed to do.

Responsibility also includes:

- Be accountable – for what you do and do not do
- Exercise self-control – take charge of your own life
- Plan and set goals – identify what success means to you and plan to achieve them
- Choose positive attitudes – choose to be enthusiastic and optimistic
- Do your duty – acknowledge and meet your legal and

ethical obligations

- Be self-reliant – manage your affairs and enable yourself to ‘pay your own way’
- Pursue excellence – do your best, persevere, be diligent, work hard
- Be proactive – take initiative
- Be persistent – stick to it and finish what you start
- Be reflective – think ahead to anticipate consequences
- Set a good example – you teach what you do, not what you say
- Be morally autonomous – decide for yourself what is right and wrong according to universal principals and develop a reliable conscience