

It's about **PROVING YOURSELF.**

As you become more responsible, people will trust you to do more and more things. One day you may be a parent, or a teacher, or the President of the United States. But no matter what you become, you're going to have more responsibilities. Don't worry. It's an honor, and it feels good. Show the world how responsible you can be. So stay positive, be thankful, and show your appreciation. It's an easy way to make the world around you a better place.

core life
BUILD YOURSELF STRONG

Step Up. **BE RESPONSIBLE.**

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(adj) *Dependable; able to be trusted
and relied upon.*





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

Those words were spoken by one of our greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln. As the man who led our nation through the Civil War and fought against slavery, he may very well have had more responsibility than just about anyone in history. And when he spoke those words, what he was saying is this: to be responsible, you can't put things off. You can't wait for someone else to do them. Being responsible means making good decisions.

It's about growing up.

When you were a baby, you had zero responsibilities. Everything was done for you. You were given a bottle. You were clothed. Someone always made sure you were safe. But while you were enjoying those first years of life, your parents had to be very responsible. They had to care for you 24 hours a day, on top of working, taking care of the house, paying the bills and all of the other things parents have to do.

As you got a little older, you became more and more responsible. You could dress yourself. Feed yourself. You didn't have to be watched every minute of the day. And as you gained these freedoms, you were trusted to do the right things. Perhaps you have been given more responsibility than you want — like taking out the trash, taking care of a younger brother or sister, or cleaning up after dinner. But doing these things without grumbling shows your parents just how responsible you are!



As you prove yourself to be more reliable with each passing year, you are given more responsibilities. Take a minute to list five of them here:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

It's about thinking of others.

Part of growing up is thinking less about yourself and more about everyone else. Sometimes, in order to be responsible, you have to make sacrifices. Write a description about showing how responsible you can be to:



YOUR PARENTS



YOUR TEACHER



YOUR BEST FRIEND
