



# June Character Trait

## Responsibility

### Verse of the Month

**Ecclesiastes 12:13 (ESV)**

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

**Responsibility:** The state or fact of being responsible, answerable, or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management.

**Responsible:** To have control and authority over something or someone and the duty of taking care of it, him, or her. Also applies to yourself.

### **Life lessons about responsibility:**

- All of our actions have consequences. Some are large, some are small, and some take time to show up. The consequences can be good or bad. I am responsible for my actions, and therefore, I am responsible for the consequences, whether they were intended or not.
- If I take responsibility for my own actions, someone else doesn't have to – and I have more freedom. My boss doesn't have to lecture me if I show up on time and do what I am asked to do. My teacher won't have to send me to detention if I behave myself in class. My parents won't ground me if I am respectful and follow the rules.
- I may not be responsible for creating the problem, but I can take responsibility for finding the solution. Sometimes bad things happen, but nothing gets better if we throw our hands up and whine about the unfairness of life.
- We can choose to not have a victim mentality by taking responsibility for how we respond to situations. Example: "Stupid boss fired me for being late because of the rain. I can't control the weather." vs "I will learn from this and be early to work at my next job, so this doesn't happen again."

Learning  
to Take  
Responsibility





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### Resources

<https://bit.ly/JuneResponsibility>  
Why you should face challenges and take responsibility.

<https://bit.ly/Responsibility2>  
Taking responsibility vs a victim mindset

<https://bit.ly/Responsibility3>  
You may not be responsible for the situation, but you are responsible for the solution.

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**"The price of greatness is responsibility."  
-Winston Churchill**

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### Mentor Activities

- Picnic at a park. Bring food and a ball or a frisbee. Be responsible by cleaning up after yourselves before leaving.
  - <https://bit.ly/MentorActivitiesJune>  
Read this poem and discuss the importance of stepping up.
  - <https://bit.ly/MentorActivitiesJune2>  
Watch this video about a Newton's cradle and discuss other life lessons you can learn.
  - <https://bit.ly/MentorActivitiesJune3>  
Discuss Michael Jackson's Man in the Mirror music video.
  - <https://bit.ly/MentorActivitiesJune4>  
Often teaching teens responsibility involves letting them learn that their actions have consequences.  
Let them make mistakes, then learn and grow from them.
  - <https://bit.ly/MentorActivitiesJune5>  
Responsibility games for kids
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