

## **Taking Responsibility is Not Always Easy**

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Among the twelve linked universal values, responsibility appeals the most to me. I have no specific reason of choosing it. However, hearing this word automatically reminds me of the situations when I had to be liable for my actions whether I liked to or not. As an individual, the concept of responsibility guides me to be more keen and careful. Responsibility is not limited only to the profound things in life, but it also concerns the not-so profound ones. For instance, you were walking towards your house's kitchen while scrolling your cellphone. Unintentionally, you bumped the vanity where a vase was placed. Suddenly, you remember that it's very valuable to your mother. When she knew, she lectured you, and you tried to let her understand that it was an accident, but she insists to confiscate your cellphone. This scenario involves responsibility. Although you did it unintentionally and the consequence does not favor you, you have to deal with it because you were the cause of why it happened. Whether it was intentional or not, you deal with it because you were the one who committed the action. Responsibility is not about explaining or defending your side; the explanations are only mere excuses. It is rather about accepting that what you did happened, and you that you were the one who made it happen. Nothing else matters. Taking responsibility is like walking on a dark pavement without street lights. You don't really know what's ahead of you, but you still continue to walk over the path since you've started already. The only way to find out if you make it is to keep walking, and if you fall behind, you're stuck there. In the real-world scenario, learning to be responsible is very crucial. If humans learn to be responsible of their actions, the world will be less toxic. For example, take the bill and pay the price if you've done something wrong. Do not keep delaying the payment or it'll pile up, and you'll

pay an even higher price in the future. Responsibility is not always easy. But taking responsibility can let us realize that there are things we can learn only in the hard way.