

## Prominent Quotes on Liberty, Responsibility and Freedom

*“Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom.”*

John Adams

*“The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty.”*

James Madison

*“Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come.”*

Victor Hugo

*“Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom.”*

Albert Einstein

*“What is required now is for this country to pull together, confront boldly the challenges we face, and take responsibility for our future once more.”*

Barack Obama

*“Without personal and collective responsibility, there can be no democracy, no real and lasting freedom.”*

Dr. Alex Pattakos

*“The price of greatness is responsibility.”*

Sir Winston Churchill

*“Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will – his personal responsibility.”*

Albert Einstein

*“Liberty means Responsibility – that is why most men dread it...”*

George Bernard Shaw

*“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”*

Abraham Lincoln

*“If an American is to amount to anything he must rely upon himself, and not upon the State; he must take pride in his own work, instead of sitting idle to envy the luck of others. He must face life with resolute courage, win victory if he can, and accept defeat if he must, without seeking to place on his fellow man a responsibility which is not theirs.”*

Theodore Roosevelt

*“We want a society in which we are free to make choices, to make mistakes, to be generous and compassionate. That is what we mean by a moral society – not a society in which the State is responsible for everything, and no one is responsible for the State.”*

Margaret Thatcher

*“These words and these stories tell us something about the spirit of the people who sent us here. They tell us that even in the most trying times, amid the most difficult circumstances; there is a generosity, a willingness to take responsibility for our future and for posterity.”*

Barack Obama

*“Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country.”*

John F. Kennedy

*“My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.”*

John F. Kennedy

*“Freedom is not synonymous with an easy life. ... There are many difficult things about freedom: It does not give you safety, it creates moral dilemmas for you; it requires self-discipline; it imposes great responsibilities; but such is the nature of Man and in such consists His glory and salvation.”*

Margaret Thatcher

*“The pursuit of freedom worldwide is a divinely inspired activity of mankind – it is the highest and most honorable of ideals.”*

Margaret Thatcher

*“I want every child to understand that the blessings these brave Americans fight for are not free – that with the great privilege of being a citizen of this nation comes great responsibility.”*

Barack Obama

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

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

*“What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility – a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task. This is the price and the promise of citizenship.”*

Barack Obama

*“At the end of the day, we can have the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents and the best schools in the world, and none of it will matter unless all of you fulfill your responsibilities.”*

Barack Obama

*“Liberty + Responsibility = Our Freedom”*

Statue of Responsibility Foundation

*“Ultimately, man should not ask what the meaning of his life is, but rather must recognize that it is he who is asked. In a word, each man is questioned by life; and he can only answer to life by answering for his own life; to life he can only respond by being responsible.”*

Viktor E. Frankl

*“Look at the word responsibility – ‘response-ability’ – the ability to choose your response. Highly proactive people recognize that responsibility in themselves. They do not blame circumstances, conditions, or conditioning for their behavior. Their behavior is a product of their own conscious choice, based on values, rather than a product of their conditions, based on feeling.”*

Stephen R. Covey

*“By leadership, I mean taking complete responsibility for an organization’s well-being and growth, and changing it for the better. Real leadership is not about prestige, power or status. It is about responsibility.”*

Robert Joss

*“With Great Liberty comes Great Responsibility.”*

Statue of Responsibility Foundation book, *Responsibility 911*

*“Freedom is not free; it requires a keen sense of citizen responsibility if it is to be achieved and if it is to flourish and survive.”*

George S. McGovern