

The Teen Bill of Responsibilities Course

The Power of Personal Responsibility

Lesson 1 – General Discussion

Personal Responsibility

- * **What does it mean to have a right?**

- * **What does it mean to be responsible?**

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* **Open discussion:**
What does personal responsibility mean to you?



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- * **In America, do you have the freedom, or the right, to do anything you want to do?**

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- * **Why do you suppose you don't have the right to do *whatever* you want to do?**
- * **What happens when *your* rights infringe on someone *else's* rights? For example, you have the right to free speech, to express yourself. Do you have the right to express yourself by hitting someone else in the face? Why not? Where do your rights end, and someone else's rights begin?**

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- * **What kind of a world would it be if you could do anything you wanted to do, anytime you wanted to do it?**
- * **What if people who didn't like you had the freedom to do anything they wanted to do to you? Or say anything they wanted to say about you even though what they said wasn't true?**

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- * **Do you think it's a good thing to have some limitations on our freedoms, on our rights? Why? Why not? Do you think it's a good idea to have responsibilities along with our rights? Why? Why not?**

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- * **Do you have the right to be happy?**

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- * **Homework: Write down several key rights you have in your family. What responsibilities do you have to your family?**