

## **Will Smith notes on blame and responsibility**

In his latest pep talk, this father of three explains the difference between fault versus responsibility. Here were his key points.

“It don’t matter whose fault it is that something is broken if it’s your responsibility to fix it.”

“It’s not somebody’s fault if their father was an abusive alcoholic, but it’s for ~~damn~~ sure their responsibility to figure out how they are going to deal with those traumas and make a life out of it.”

“It’s not your fault if your partner cheated and ruined your marriage, but it is for ~~damn~~ sure your responsibility to figure out how to take that pain and how to overcome that and build a happy life for yourself.”

“Fault and responsibility do not go together, it sucks. When something is somebody’s fault, we want them to suffer, we want them punished, we want them to pay, we want it to be their responsibility to fix it, but that’s not how it works.”

“As long as we are pointing the finger ... we are jammed and trapped into victim mode. When you are in victim mode you are stuck in suffering.”

“Road to power is in taking responsibility. Your heart. Your life. Your happiness.”

“Taking responsibility, accepting responsibility, is not an admission to guilt. You’re not admitting you’re at fault ... it’s a recognition of power that you seize when you stop blaming people.”