

## Example of Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln's indebtedness to and regard for the Bible is beyond dispute. He read the Bible in his boyhood and its influence upon him increased over the years. When he addressed the public, he quoted from the Bible more than any other book.

Lincoln not only spoke and wrote in the style of the Bible, but obviously thought in terms of Biblical ideas and convictions to an extent that has very likely been unparalleled among modern statesmen. Moreover, Lincoln was a man of prayer, who did so without apology or self-consciousness. He did not hesitate to request the prayers of others, or to acknowledge that he himself prayed often. He regarded prayer as a necessity. He routinely spoke of seeking divine guidance, as though it was an entirely natural and reasonable thing to do.

Lincoln is often heralded as the greatest American president. His spirituality was undoubtedly the greatest reason for the decisions that led to his success.

As we celebrate Presidents' Day today, Lincoln's example becomes important to us. We, too, should never curtail our pursuit of God. It is the activity that leads to a lasting legacy of accomplishment and purpose as we fulfill His will and plan for our lives.

--Beecher Hunter