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U.S.Presidents

George Washington - 1

- A - The administration of justice is the firmest pillar of government.
- B - Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.
- C - Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence.
- D - Few people have the courage to withstand the highest bidder.
- E - First in war, first in peace and first in the heart of his countrymen.
- F - Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.
- G - Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.
- H - It is not a custom with me to keep money to look at.
- I - It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world.
- J - In public as in private life, I am persuaded that honesty will forever be found to be the best policy.

John Adams - 2

- A - Facts are stubborn things.
- B - To be good, and to do good.
- C - A government of laws, not of men.
- D - I am a soldier, so my son can be a farmer, so his son can be a poet.

Thomas Jefferson - 3

- A - No person has a natural right to commit aggression on the equal rights of another.
- B - When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry an hundred.
- C - I cannot live without books.
- D - I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.
- E - Enlighten the people generally, and tyranny and oppression of body and mind will vanish like evil spirits at the dawn of day.
- F - The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time.
- G - I find as I grow older that I love those most that I loved first.
- H - I feel the harder I work, the more luck I have.
- I - That one hundred and fifty lawyers should do business together ought not be expected. [On referring to the United State Congress]
- J - I never considered a difference in opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.
- K - Where the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe.
- L - It is neither wealth nor splendor, but tranquility and occupation, which give happiness.

James Madison - 4

- A - All people having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree.

- B - Knowledge will forever govern ignorance.
- C - Philosophy is common sense with big words.

Andrew Jackson - 5

- A - One person with courage makes a majority.

Abraham Lincoln - 6

- A - Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four hours sharpening the axe.
- B - I regard no man as poor who has a godly mother.
- C - The ballot is stronger than the bullet.
- D - You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.
- E - Whether it be true or not, I can say for one that I have no other so great as that of being truly esteemed of my fellow men, by rendering myself worthy of their esteem.
- F - Let us have faith that right make might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.
- G - Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.
- H - A house divided against itself cannot stand.
- I - No person is good enough to govern another person without the other's consent.
- J - That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.
- K - Don't interfere with anything in the constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties.

Ulysses S. Grant - 7

- A - I was successful because you believed in me.

Theodore Roosevelt - 8

- A - Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.
- B - Action speaks louder than words.
- C - Americanism is a question of principle, of purpose, or idealism, or character; it is not a matter of birthplace or creed or line of descent.
- D - Every person owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No person has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere.
- E - Do what you can, with what you have, where you can.
- F - It is not the critic who counts, nor the person who points out how the strong has stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the person who is actually in the arena.
- G - Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell them, "Certainly, I can!" Then get busy and find out how to do it.
- H - Only those are fit to live who do not fear to die; and none are fit to die who have shrunk from the joy of life and the duty of life. Both life and death are parts of same Great Adventure.

I - Get action. Do things; be sane, don't fritter away your time; create, act, take a place wherever you are and be somebody; get action.

J - In life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is: Hit the line hard.

K - Black care rarely sits behind a rider whose pace is fast enough.

L - No person is above the law and no one is below it.

M - The conservation of natural resources is the fundamental problem. Unless we solve that problem it will avail us little to solve all others.

N - The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.

Woodrow Wilson - 9

A - All big people are dreamers.

B - Some people call me an idealist. Well, that is the way I know I am an American. America is the only idealistic nation in the world.

C - Life does not consist in thinking. It consists in acting.

D - It must be a peace without victory.

Franklin D. Roosevelt - 10

A - Books cannot be killed by fire. People die, but books never die. No man and no force can abolish memory.

B - The only sure bulwark of continuing liberty is a government strong enough to protect the interests of the people, and a people strong enough and well enough informed to maintain its sovereign control over its government.

C - We would rather die on our feet than live on our knees.

D - The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.

E - Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.

F - The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.

G - I am an old campaigner, and I love a good fight.

H - I pledge to you, I pledge myself, to a new deal for the American people.

Harry S. Truman - 11

A - America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.

B - The buck stops here.

C - Once a decision was made. I did not worry about it afterwards.

D - You know, the greatest epitaph in the country says, "Here lies Jack Williams. He done his damnest." I think that is the greatest epitaph a man could ever have. Whenever a man does the best he can, then that is all he can do.

E - I'm going to fight hard. I'm going to give them hell.

F - I never sit on a fence. I am either on one side or another.

G - If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

Dwight D. Eisenhower - 12

A - Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination.

B - I like Ike.

John F. Kennedy - 13

- A - A person does what they must – in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures – and that is the basis of all human morality.
- B - An error does not become a mistake until you refuse to correct it.
- C - Ask not what your country can do for you; but what you can do for your country.
- D - The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission.
- E - If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.
- F - The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time.
- G - There is always inequity in life. Some men are killed in a war and some men are wounded, and some men never leave the country...Life is unfair.
- H - Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.
- I - Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate.
- J - When power leads man toward arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations. When power narrows the areas of man's concern, poetry reminds him of the richness and diversity of his existence. When poetry corrupts, poetry cleanses, for art establishes the basic human truths, which must serve as the touchstone of our judgment.
- K - It's much easier to make speeches than it is to finally make the judgments, because unfortunately your advisers are frequently divided. If you take the wrong course, and on occasion I have, the President bears the burden, responsibility, quite rightly. The advisers may move on to new advice.
- L - The American, by nature, is optimistic. The person is experimental, an inventor and a builder who builds best when called upon to build greatly.

Richard M. Nixon - 14

- A - You cannot win a battle in any arena merely by defending yourself.
- B - The people's right to change what does not work is one of the greatest principles of our system of government.
- C - Always give your best, never get discouraged, never be petty, always remember, others may hate you. Those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself.
- D - It is time for the great silent majority of Americans to stand up and be counted.

Jimmy Carter - 15

- A - The best way to enhance freedom in other lands is to demonstrate here that our democratic system is worthy of emulation.

Ronald Reagan - 16

- A - I've always believed that this land was set aside in an uncommon way, that a diverse plan placed this great continent between the oceans to be found by a people from every corner of the earth who had a special; love of faith, freedom and peace.
- B - America is too great for small dreams.
- C - Millions of individuals making their own decisions in the marketplace will always allocate resources better than any centralized government planning process.

D - You know, by the time you reach my age, you've made plenty of mistakes, and if you've lived your life properly, so you learn. You put things in perspective. You pull your energies together. You change. You go forward.

George H. Bush - 17

A - America is never wholly herself unless she is engaged in high moral principle.

William Clinton

A - Our destiny is bound up with the destiny of every other American.

B - Let us never forget, when they were young, these men saved the world.

George W. Bush

A - There is no negotiating freedom.

B - I can hear you. The whole world can hear you.

C - A person's character is their fate.

D - Much learning does not teach understanding.

E - Abundance of knowledge does not teach you to be wise.

Barack Obama - 18

A - I was successful because you believed in me. A - Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

Donald J. Trump - 19

A - No dream is too big. No challenge is too great. Nothing we want for our future is beyond our reach.

B - I like thinking big. If you're going to be thinking anything, you might as well think big.

C - What separates the winners from the losers is how a person reacts to each new twist of fate.

D - Make America great again.

E - Sometimes your best investments are the ones you don't make.

F - In the end, you're measured not by how much you undertake but by what you finally accomplish.

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