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A He was named Leslie Lynch King Jr. at birth, but his mother changed all three names when she remarried and her new husband adopted her son. He was the only president never to be elected by the people. He spent much of his abbreviated term trying to heal the national wounds of Vietnam and Watergate.

B He lost his first bid for the presidency by 118,000 votes – less than 0.2 percent of all the votes cast. When he was elected eight years later, he oversaw America's first landing on the moon. The only president to resign his office, historians see him as both a brilliant success – and as a dismal failure.

C “We hold these truths to be self-evident,” he wrote before he became president, “that all men are created equal.” He banned the importation of slaves to America starting in 1808. He also introduced the egalitarian French idea of lace-up shoes to Washington society. (Until then, gentlemen's shoes had buckles.)

D The only president with a PhD, he was president of Princeton before he entered politics. His dream of a League of Nations, a forerunner of the United Nations, was defeated in the US Senate.

E He and a fellow lawyer held a series of famous debates when the two ran for a Senate seat from Illinois. He lost that election, but won national attention. Two years later, he was elected president. He was the first US president to have received a patent (for a floating drydock).



F He helped bring about the end of a 31-year-long state of war that existed between two countries in the Middle East. He was the first candidate from the Deep South to win the presidency since Zachary Taylor in 1848.

G His initials were the result of a mistake when he entered West Point. But he liked the patriotic “statement” they made, so he kept them. He was one of 10 former generals who became president. (Can you name three others?)

H He joined the Army at age 13 to fight in the Revolutionary War. Later, he was a savvy general in the War of 1812. He was the first president to ride a railroad train, and his picture is on the \$20 bill.

I His presidential office was in New York City, at that time the nation's capital. He worried about foreign alliances and the growth of the two-party system. He was the only president elected unanimously by the Electoral College. And he had a dog named Sweet Lips.

WHO AM I?

A presidential quiz



With the Presidents' Day holiday coming up on Monday, we thought you'd enjoy testing your knowledge of America's chief executives. Which one was born “Leslie Lynch King Jr.”? Who lost the race for a Senate seat – but won the White House two years later? And who had a dog named “Sweet Lips”? Look at the photos, read the clues, and consult the list of presidents. The answers are at the bottom of the facing page.

EXTRA CREDIT: George W. Bush is our 43rd president, but actually there have only been 42 presidents. How can this be? (Hint: Look carefully at the list of presidents on the facing page.)

Sources: The World Almanac and Book of Facts; White House official website (www.whitehouse.gov); The Detroit Free Press; Infoplease.com; The World Book Encyclopedia; factmonster.com; University of Missouri at Kansas City website (www.umkc.edu).

United States presidents

The names in bold are presidents whose images were used to create the artwork on the facing page. Dates in parentheses are terms in office.

1789-1850

George Washington (1789-97)

John Adams (1797-1801)

Thomas Jefferson (1801-09)

James Madison (1809-17)

James Monroe (1817-25)

John Quincy Adams (1825-29)

Andrew Jackson (1829-37)

Martin Van Buren (1837-41)

William Henry Harrison (1841)

John Tyler (1841-45)

James K. Polk (1845-49)

Zachary Taylor (1849-50)

1850-1901

Millard Fillmore (1850-53)

Franklin Pierce (1853-57)

James Buchanan (1857-61)

Abraham Lincoln (1861-65)

Andrew Johnson (1865-69)

Ulysses S. Grant (1869-77)

Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-81)

James A. Garfield (1881)

Chester A. Arthur (1881-85)

Grover Cleveland (1885-89)

Benjamin Harrison (1889-93)

Grover Cleveland (1893-97)

William McKinley (1897-1901)

1901-2001

Theodore Roosevelt (1901-09)

William H. Taft (1909-13)

Woodrow Wilson (1913-21)

Warren Harding (1921-23)

Calvin Coolidge (1923-29)

Herbert Hoover (1929-33)

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-45)

Harry S. Truman (1945-53)

Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-61)

John F. Kennedy (1961-63)

Lyndon B. Johnson (1963-69)

Richard M. Nixon (1969-74)

Gerald R. Ford (1974-77)

Jimmy Carter (1977-81)

Ronald W. Reagan (1981-89)

George Bush (1989-93)

William J. Clinton (1993-2001)

George W. Bush (2001-present)

A few more executive portraits

AN EARLY MODERN LEADER

Theodore Roosevelt (below) was not only the first president to ride in an automobile (in 1902), he was also the first former president to fly in a plane (1910). Some of his biggest successes were in environmental protection.



FROM HOT WAR TO COLD WAR

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower commanded all Allied troops in the D-Day invasion of Europe. When "Ike" became president, he faced new battles – from Korea abroad to desegregation at home.



PRESIDENT FOR A DAY

March 4, 1849 – the day that new president Zachary Taylor would have taken office – fell on a Sunday. President James Polk left on schedule, but Taylor (being quite religious) did not take the oath of office until the following day. So Missourian David Rich Atchinson, then president pro tempore of the Senate, took over until Taylor was sworn in. In effect, he was president for a day.

ANSWERS: (A) Gerald R. Ford. He granted Richard Nixon a full pardon and conditional amnesty to draft evaders who had fled to Canada; (B) Richard M. Nixon, who resigned rather than face impeachment over the Watergate scandal; (C) Thomas Jefferson. His words are from the Declaration of Independence; (D) Woodrow Wilson. The idea for a League of Nations was born out of World War I; (E) Abraham Lincoln. His Senate rival, Stephen Douglas, a Democrat, lost the presidential election to Lincoln, a Republican, in 1860; (F) Jimmy Carter brokered the Camp David Peace Accords between Egypt and Israel in 1978; (G) Ulysses S. Grant. Other generals were: Washington, Jackson, William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Franklin Pierce, Rutherford Hayes, James Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, and Dwight Eisenhower; (H) Andrew Jackson. He is also one of nine presidents who never went to college; (I) George Washington. Washington, D.C., became America's capital in 1800. EXTRA CREDIT: Grover Cleveland was elected twice, to nonconsecutive terms. So he is counted twice.

TODAY'S ARTICLE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Bringing a spiritual perspective to daily life

The ability to change

I NOW EMBRACE the times I become aware that I can do better, raise the standard of who I am and to be a closer reflection of my higher selfhood. Areas of my life that need changing are my opportunities to become more like God sees me, as His perfect child. My prayer is to accept the ability to see myself as capable of changing.

But looking back, I see how often I became convinced that there are certain characteristics that I simply was stuck with. Let's look at my tendency to be messy in my housekeeping. Come into my home 20 years ago. Dishes fill my sink. Clothing has found its way to the floor, not the closets; and newspapers and literature are scattered throughout my apartment. Add to that the toys, etc. of a 10-year-old child, and you have one messy home. This is who I am, I think.

My sister, who takes the time to tidy in her own life, remarked, "So this is what hopeless looks like." She taught me to make piles. She taught me how to tackle those piles one at a time. It took a while, but soon I was at least a pile-making messy person.

Marrying someone who understood the rewards of dealing with dirty dishes as they happen truly helped me. It was a surprise to see how effortlessly my house became more orderly as I tackled items before they had the chance to become piles. For me it was a metaphor for facing problems and fears as well. Don't let them pile up and overwhelm you, define you, depress you.

But this lesson was not one of learning better habits. If that were the case, we could all hire personal trainers, like at a gym, to teach us how to change our lifestyles. I knew the benefits of being orderly. I even knew that I needed to make more of an effort to achieve the goal of being a tidier person. But the important step was turning to God for a greater sense of inward worth.

I was a person worthy of a clean, orderly apartment. Why? Because God loved me and did not see me as imperfect. I changed more than my outward habits. I gained a greater appreciation for my ability to go beyond a limited view of myself and began to see that there was no form of limitation to becoming better. Defeat was turned

into victory.

The woman who founded this newspaper, Mary Baker Eddy, wrote, "Simply asking that we may love God will never make us love Him; but the longing to be better and holier, expressed in daily watchfulness and in striving to assimilate more of the divine character, will mould and fashion us anew, until we awake in His likeness" ("Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," pg. 4).

The Bible has many accounts of people changing and becoming better. One is about a man named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was the tax collector of his community, so you can imagine how unpopular he was. When he heard that Jesus was going to pass through his city, he climbed up into a tree to see him better. Not only did Jesus pass by the tree, but he actually called up to Zacchaeus and announced that he was coming to see him, to be a guest at his house! (See Luke 19:1-10.)

Think of how that must have felt. To be able to host this holy man and sit in his presence for an entire meal. The account continues that he met Jesus at his home and announced that he was giving half of his possessions to the poor and returning fourfold anything he may have taken unlawfully from another. Jesus rejoiced over this change and said, "... the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

The things you want to change about yourself may seem beyond hope. But God will "mould and fashion" you anew, if you let Him. Start small; think big. Step by step, change comes.

My sister remarked,
'So this is
what hopeless
looks like.'

*The steps of a good man
are ordered by the Lord:
and he delighteth in his way.
Though he fall, he shall not be
utterly cast down: for the Lord
upholdeth him with his hand.*

Psalms 37:23, 24

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