

ABRAHAM LINCOLN DIDN'T QUIT

Abraham Lincoln could have quit many times—but he didn't and because he didn't quit, he became one of the greatest Presidents in the history of our country.

“The sense of obligation to continue is present in all of us. A duty to strive is the duty of us all. I felt a call to that duty.”

Probably the greatest example of persistence is Abraham Lincoln. If you want to learn about somebody who didn't quit, look no further.

Born into poverty, Lincoln was faced with defeat throughout his life. He lost eight elections, twice failed in business and suffered a nervous breakdown.

But Lincoln was a champion and he never gave up. Here is a sketch of Lincoln's road to the White House:

- 1831—Failed in business
- 1832—Defeated for Legislature
- 1833—Second failure in business
- 1836—Suffered nervous breakdown
- 1838—Defeated for Speaker
- 1840—Defeated for Elector
- 1843—Defeated for Congress
- 1848—Defeated for Congress
- 1855—Defeated for Senate
- 1856—Defeated for Vice President
- 1858—Defeated for Senate
- 1860—ELECTED PRESIDENT

“The path was worn and slippery. My foot slipped from under me, knocking the other out of the way,” Lincoln said, after losing a Senate race. “But I recovered and said to myself, ‘It's a slip and not a fall.’ ”