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I. What Jesus demonstrated himself to be

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

- A. He made himself nothing
Philippians 2:7a (NKJV) but **made Himself of no reputation**
- B. He became a servant
Philippians 2:7b (NKJV) **taking the form of a bondservant**, and coming in the likeness of men.
- C. He humbled himself
Philippians 2:8a (NKJV) And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself**
- D. He became obedient
Philippians 2:8b (NKJV) and **became obedient to the point of death**, even the death of the cross.

II. What he expects us to become

1 Peter 2:21 (NKJV) For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, **that you should follow His steps**:

- A. Trust Him as our only resource
2 Corinthians 3:5 (NKJV) Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,
- B. Develop the heart of a servant
Matthew 20:26 (NKJV) "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.
- C. Realize He alone gets the credit for what we

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Isaiah 42:8 (NKJV) I am the LORD, that is My name; And **My glory I will not give to another**, Nor My praise to carved images.

Revelation 22:16 (NKJV) "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. **I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.**"

- D. Live a life of obedience to His will
1 John 2:17 (NKJV) And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

III. How to become like him

1 Peter 5:6 (NKJV) Therefore **humble yourselves** under the mighty hand of God, **that He may exalt you** in due time,

- A. Be willing to be nothing that He can be everything
Philippians 3:7 (NKJV) But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.
- B. Be willing to serve
Matthew 25:21 (NKJV) "His lord said to him, 'Well done, **good and faithful servant**; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'
- C. Be willing to place the credit where it belongs
1 Corinthians 15:28 (NKJV) Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, **that God may be all in all.**
- D. Learn to say "Yes" to His will
Acts 21:14 (NKJV) So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "**The will of the Lord be done.**"

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