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?? In a world that often praises self-promotion and personal success, it can be easy to lose sight of the path that Jesus laid out for us. Jesus, the Son of God, came to this earth not as a king or a warrior, but as a humble servant. He taught us through his words and actions the importance of humility and servanthood. Let us explore this path of humility and learn from the example Jesus set for us.

1 Jesus, though being fully God, chose to become fully human, humbling himself to identify with our weaknesses and struggles. In Philippians 2:7, it says, "rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

2 Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, showing us that true leadership is found in serving others. In John 13:14-15, Jesus says, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."

3 He showed us that greatness is found in putting others before ourselves. In Mark 9:35, Jesus tells his disciples, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

5 Jesus never sought personal glory or recognition but always pointed people towards God. In John 7:18, he says, "Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him."

6 He taught us to show humility in our prayers, seeking God's will above our own desires. In Matthew 6:10, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

7 Jesus showed compassion and humility towards the outcasts of society, teaching us to do the same. In Luke 14:13-14, he says, "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed."

8 He never used his power and authority to exploit or manipulate others, but to serve and empower them. In Mark 10:45, Jesus says, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

9 Jesus exemplified humility even in the face of opposition and persecution. In Matthew 26:39, he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

? He taught us to forgive others and to reconcile with one another. In Matthew

18:21-22, Jesus says, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

11 Jesus reminded us that those who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted. In Luke 14:11, he says, "For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

12 Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him, denying ourselves and living for the glory of God. In Matthew 16:24, he says, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

13 He taught us to love one another as he has loved us. In John 13:34-35, Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

14 Jesus invites us into a life of humility and trust in God's provision. In Matthew 6:25-26, he says, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them."

15 Ultimately, Jesus showed us that the path of humility leads to eternal life with God. In Matthew 23:12, he says, "For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

May we all strive to follow the example of Jesus, walking in humility and servanthood. Let us love God with all our hearts, believe in his power to transform lives, love one another as he has loved us, and trust in his perfect plans for our lives. May God bless you abundantly as you walk in the path of humility! ???