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Whoever we are (Saint Gregory of Nyssa)

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The passion of self-aggrandisement sprouts in some way in almost all of us. This is why the Lord begins the beatitudes with it. He roots out pride from our character as being the primordial evil by advising us to imitate Him, Who voluntarily became poor and Who is truly blessed. In this way we'll draw down upon ourselves a share in His blessedness, since, by our voluntary poverty we'll have become like Him, as far as we can and whoever we are. Have the same outlook within you, says Saint Paul (Philipp. 2, 5 ff.) as Christ had: although He was God, He emptied Himself of His divinity and took the form of a servant.