

# Real Wisdom Is Gentle

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Being gentle is not the same as being weak. It's not that gentleness is the lack of strength; gentleness is controlling your strength. There are times when you need to be physically gentle, like when you hammer a nail into a wall. The same is true when dealing with other people. If you think that you have a good idea, but that idea is harsh or isn't considerate towards others, it's not a good idea. There were times when Jesus was harsh, but, for one thing, He's God, and we aren't. For another thing, there are many, many examples of Jesus being gentle towards people (even those who crucified Him!). Let's follow Christ's example of gentleness. Wisdom from above is gentle.



## Family Time Questions

- How is being gentle different from being weak?
- Why should we be considerate of others?
- What are some ways that we can be gentle toward others?
- Can you think of any examples when Jesus was gentle?

## Bible Verses

- James 3:17 - Wisdom from above
- Ephesians 4:1-3 - Be humble and gentle
- Titus 3:1-2 - Be gentle toward everyone
- Philippians 2:3-4 - Look to the interests of others

## Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for Your wisdom. Please help us to be wise and gentle.  
In Jesus' name, Amen."