

**FORGIVING THOSE WHO HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG**  
**Christmas is Forgiving - Part 2**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**

**When you are tempted to be angry with those who have done nothing wrong, do this instead:**

**1. Be patient and prayerful**

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things... (18-20)*

**2. Be skeptical of your feelings**

*...behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. (20)*

**3. Be honest about yourself**

*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (21)*

**4. Be sensitive to the Word of God**

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). (22-23)*

**5. Be obedient to the end**

*When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus. (24-25)*