





### He must become greater; I must become less.

John 3:30



#### **Gentleness**



#### **Harshness**



### Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.



Epieikēs:
graciousness, kindness, fairness,
patience, and calm strength
or
'strength under control guided by grace'

### When we model the gentleness of Christ, the world will see Jesus in us.





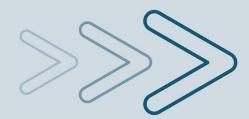
### Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ?

Any comfort from his love?



#### Any fellowship together in the Spirit?

### Are your hearts tender and compassionate?



Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.



Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.



Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

### You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.



Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.



Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.



When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of honor and gave him the name above all other names,



that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,



and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.





#### **Be Gentle in Thought**



# Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

**Romans 12:10** 



#### **Be Gentle in Words**



#### A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare.

**Proverbs 15:1** 



#### **Be Gentle in Actions**



They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling.
Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.

When we are gentle in thought, words, and actions - we display the heart of Christ. That's how the world will see Jesus.





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