

**BE *LIKE*
JESUS**



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**Happy Are
The Padded**

Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

Matthew 5:7 (GNT)

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 5:7 (NIV)



**“Mercy is one of the spiritual bridges
God has built so that He can relate to
you and me, and mercy is a bridge you
and I must build if we are going to relate
lovingly to others.”**

Warren Wiersbe

Mercy Is Part of God's Wisdom

Structure:

¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

James 3:17-18 (NIV)

Mercy Is Part of God's Wisdom

Structure:

¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

James 3:13-16

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BEWARE!!!



***of what TRIGGERS
you to be critical
and judgmental!***

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Merciful: a person who shows **leniency**, **compassion**, or **forgiveness**, especially toward someone who has offended them.

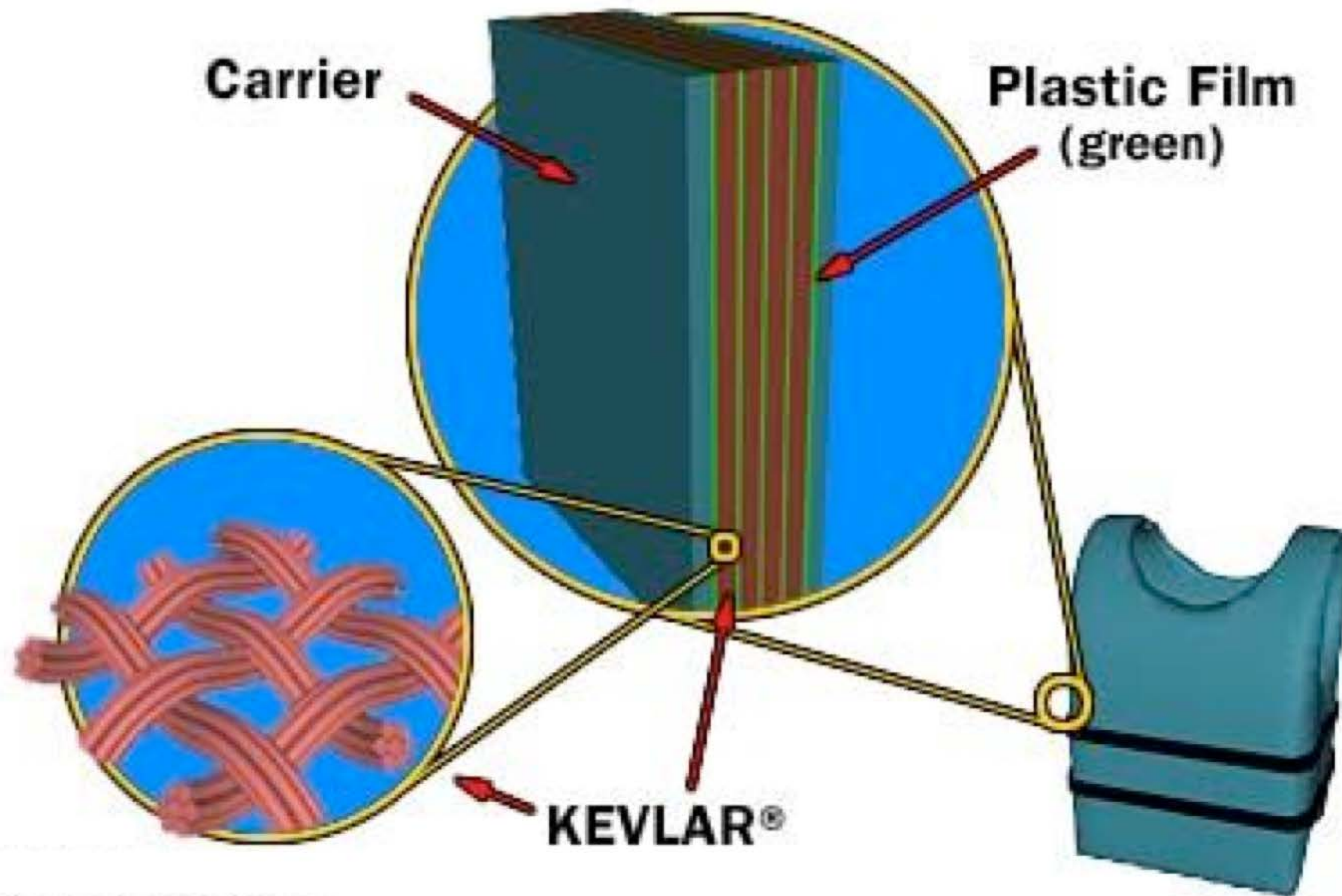


Leniency: a bend, not break attitude when people do you wrong.

Compassion: the ability to understand why people do you wrong when people do you wrong.

Forgiveness: the act of releasing people for the wrong that they do to you.

How Body Armor Works



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The Padding of Mercy



Triggers of:
Offense &
Criticism



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...Mercy triumphs over judgment.
James 2:13 (NIV)

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Mercy Chooses to Walk in God's Shoes

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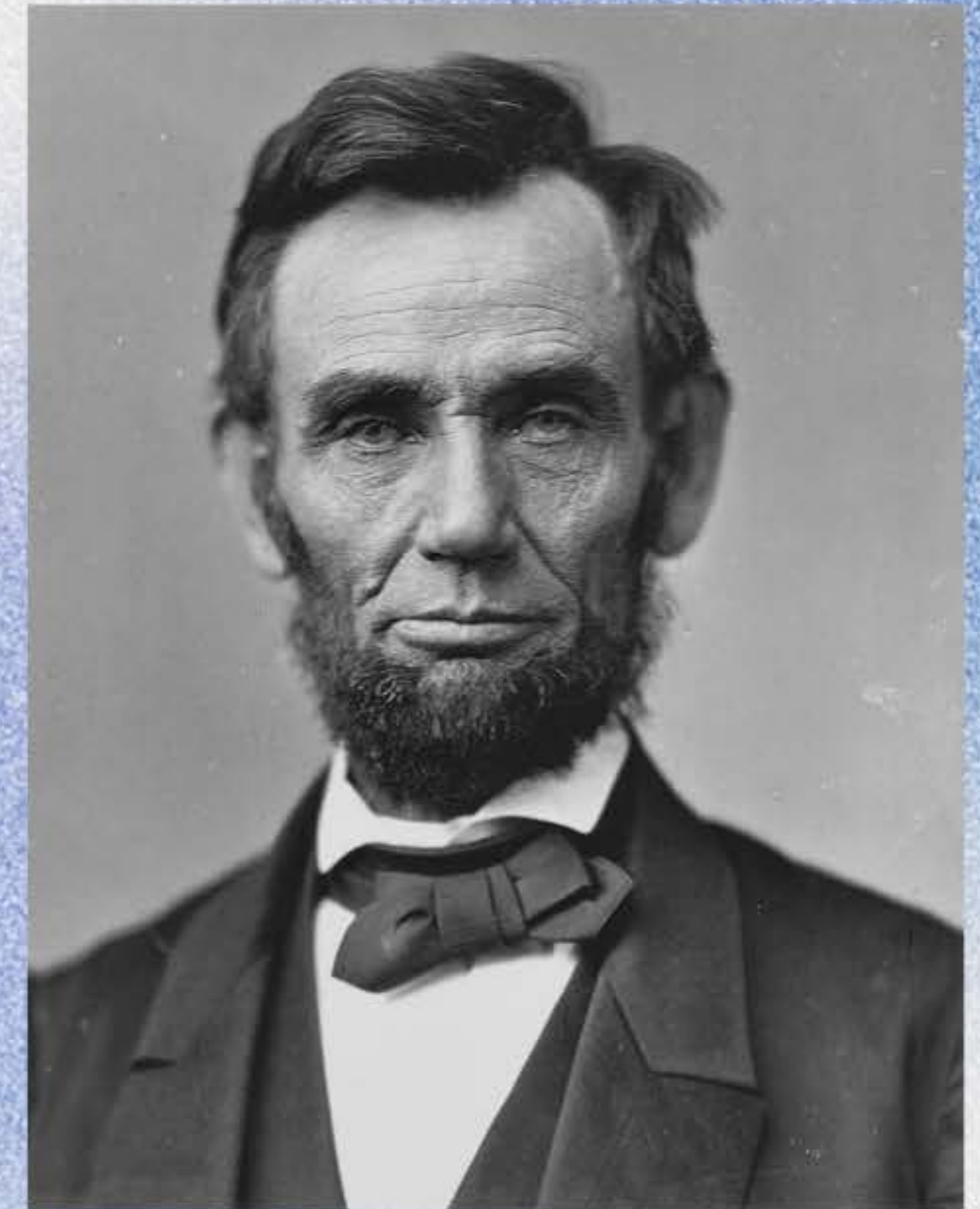
**“An eye for an eye
makes the world go
blind.”**

Mahatma Ghandi



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When asked how he was going to treat the rebellious Southerners after finally being defeated and returning to the Union of the United States, a questioner expected that Lincoln would take a dire vengeance, but he answered, "I will treat them as if they had never been away."



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**Mercy Lives to
Expect from God's
Gentle Hand**

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**If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord,
who could stand?**

Psalms 130:3 (NIV)

¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹“No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

John 8:10-11 (NIV)