

A wooden head silhouette is shown on a dark wood background. Inside the head, several gears of various sizes and colors (brass, steel) are visible. A magnifying glass with a brass frame and handle is positioned over the head, focusing on a large brass gear. The text 'Do we really want to be wise?' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Do we

really

want to be

wise?

Following Jesus in 2019

Mark 8.34-38 (NIV11)

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

What good is it for someone to gain
the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?
Or what can anyone give in exchange
for their soul?

If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.”

We are all followers of
someone or something

To be a follower of Jesus means

- Spending time with Jesus
- Becoming like Jesus
- Doing what Jesus did

#1 Spending time with Jesus

Slow down, open our hearts
and spirits to the reality of him
with us and in us

#2 Becoming like Jesus

Who is God?

Who am I?

What is 'living life to the full'?

Proverbs 4.23

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. (NIV11)

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. (NLT)



#2 Doing what Jesus did
(or – would do if he was me)

If we want to experience the
'life to the full' Jesus has to offer
we start by adopting his lifestyle

Without him – we *can't* do it
Without us – he *won't* do it