

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?

And so the end is near

Matthew 7.24-29 (NIV11)

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

We have more information than ever before

We feel overwhelmed by all this information

We're used to having information, being moved by it, then doing nothing about it

Wise = smart, intelligent, thoughtful

Foolish = stupid, unintelligent, not thoughtful

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice...” v24



Wise = building life on the rock of
practicing Jesus' teaching in
Matthew 5-7

To build life on the the rock is to
build life on obedience to Jesus'
teaching in Matthew 5-7
“puts these words of mine into
practice”

To obey Jesus is not only the right thing to do, it's the wise, intelligent, smart thing to do