

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?*

# The Golden Rule

# To be a follower of Jesus means

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

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7.12 (NIV11)

*“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!” vv9-11*

Everything – work, leisure, rest, church

Others – all people, not just family and friends

Ask yourself – what do you want others to do for you, then grab the initiative and go and do it for them

“...whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5.19 (NIV11)



Rule #1

- do to others what they do to you

*emotionally and relationally stuck in  
unhealthy and toxic patterns of reacting  
and seeking revenge*

## Rule #2

- don't do to others what you  
wouldn't have them do to you

*very big difference between NOT doing something to cause suffering and hurt and DOING something to alleviate suffering and hurt*

## Rule #3

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Jesus gives us a rule to live by

Good rules make for a really  
good life