



Respect

Willingness to treat with courtesy; to hold in high regard; to honour, to care about yourself and others.

Treat everyone you meet as if they were the most important person in the world • Make the most of yourself for that is all there is of you • Respectful behaviour is the oil that keeps a class working well • If you want to be respected, you must respect yourself • Treat others the way you would want to be treated • Respect the right to be listened to, learn and be safe in our classroom



Responsibility

Willingness to be answerable, to be trustworthy and accountable for your own conduct and behaviour.

Responsibility teaches you much • With privilege comes responsibility • You are responsible for your own learning • Being responsible for your own actions is the responsibility of everyone • Whatever happens, take responsibility • It's easy to dodge our responsibilities but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibility • You cannot lose if responsibility is what you choose



Compassion

Willingness to help,
empathise with, or show
mercy to those who suffer.

Helping another person makes two people happy • It's never too late to do the right thing • Put 'go' into goal and 'do' into done because actions speak louder than words • Be the change you want to see happen in the world • Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up • Don't always put yourself first • Walk awhile in someone else's shoes • Care for someone enough to make their problems your own



Consideration

Willingness to be kind, thoughtful and consider the interests of others before self.

Be nice to people on your way up because you will probably meet them on your way down! • When consideration is the sensation that sweeps the nation it will be time for a celebration • Let others learn • Make others happy when you enter a room, not when you leave it • Before thinking of yourself consider the effect of your actions on others • Become an example of how you would like the world to be



Kindness

Willingness to help, show concern for and be friendly to others.

Make sure your words are seeds, not bullets • Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can read • The best portion of a good person's life is their little nameless unremembered acts of kindness • Let no-one come to you without leaving better and happier – show kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes and kindness in your smile • It's hard to give away kindness because it keeps on coming back to you • Be random with an act of kindness every day



Duty

Willingness to do what is right or what a person ought to do; obligation.

The things that are your duty are the things that need doing that you see need to be done and that no-one else seems to see need to be done • The right thing to do is still the right thing to do even when you are the only one doing it • The reward for doing your duty is knowing that you have done the right thing • At school, home and in the community find out what needs to be done and then 'just do it!' • See the need, do the deed! • Nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world • The greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more • Good to do a good thing, better to do the right thing



Obedience

Willingness to obey
rightful authority.

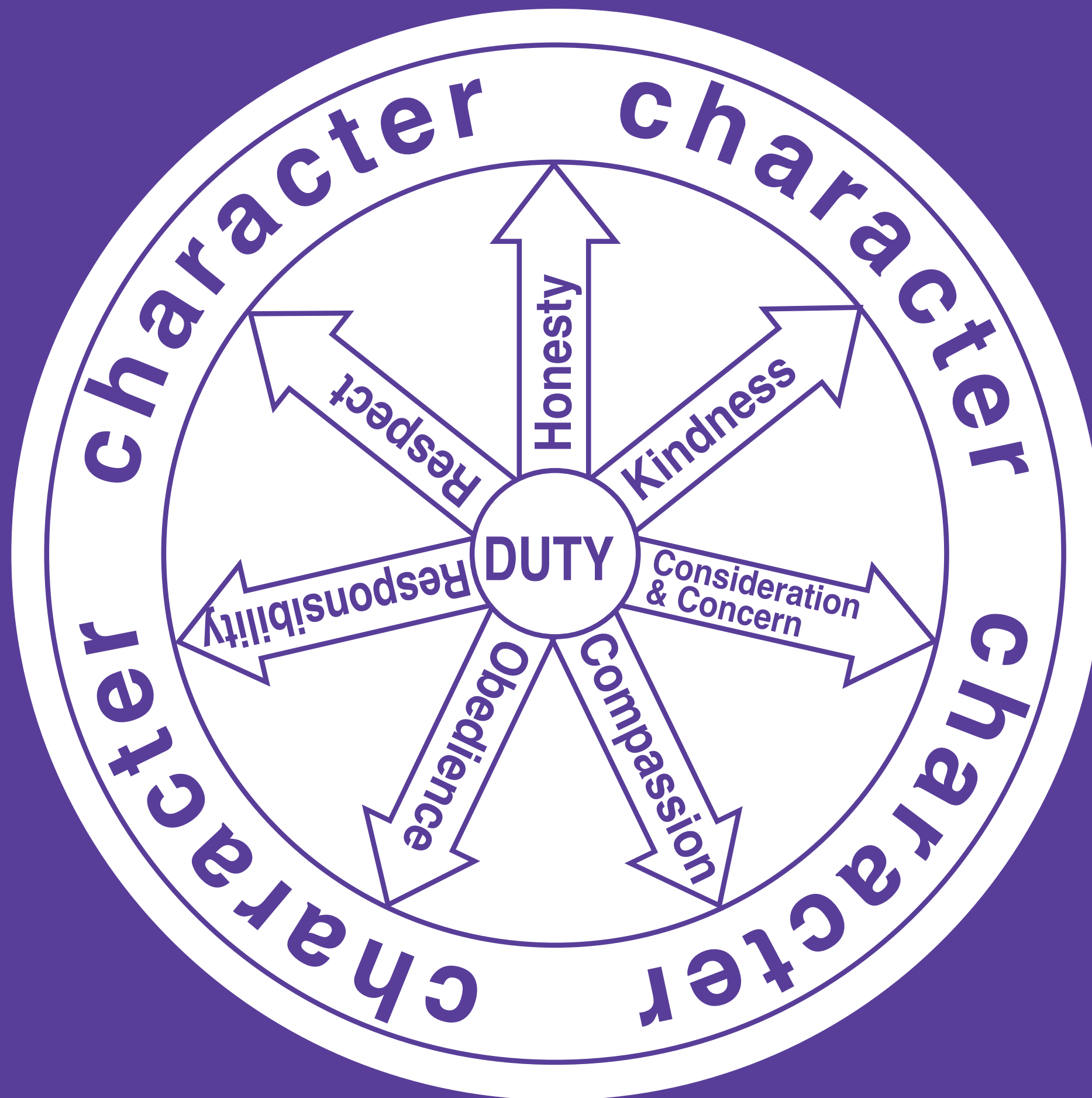
Following rules keeps you safe • Learn to trust, then obey • Do what you know to be right – obey yourself • When you are obedient also be responsible, honest and kind • You win or lose by what you choose • You must first learn how to obey, whom to obey and when to obey • The ship that will not obey the helm will have to obey the rocks • The opposite of obedience is disobedience



Honesty & Truthfulness

Willingness not to steal, cheat, lie or be unfair.

Honesty is the best policy • Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom • If you want to be trusted, don't cover up the truth • If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember what you said • Say "No" if that's what you mean, not just "Yes" to please someone • Telling one lie spoils your reputation for telling the truth • If you add to the truth you subtract from it • When someone lies, someone loses • The truth needs no rehearsal



The “Character Wheel”

The “Character Wheel” illustrates the connection between the eight cornerstone values and character. The rim represents character. The spokes – all of equal length and spacing – represent the cornerstone values which give the wheel its shape and strength. The hub, which holds the spokes in place at the centre, is a unique cornerstone value – *duty*.

Duty is the hub of the “Character Wheel”. This is because duty is the obligation to be honest and truthful, kind, considerate and caring, respectful and responsible in one’s relationship with others.



The Law of Consequences

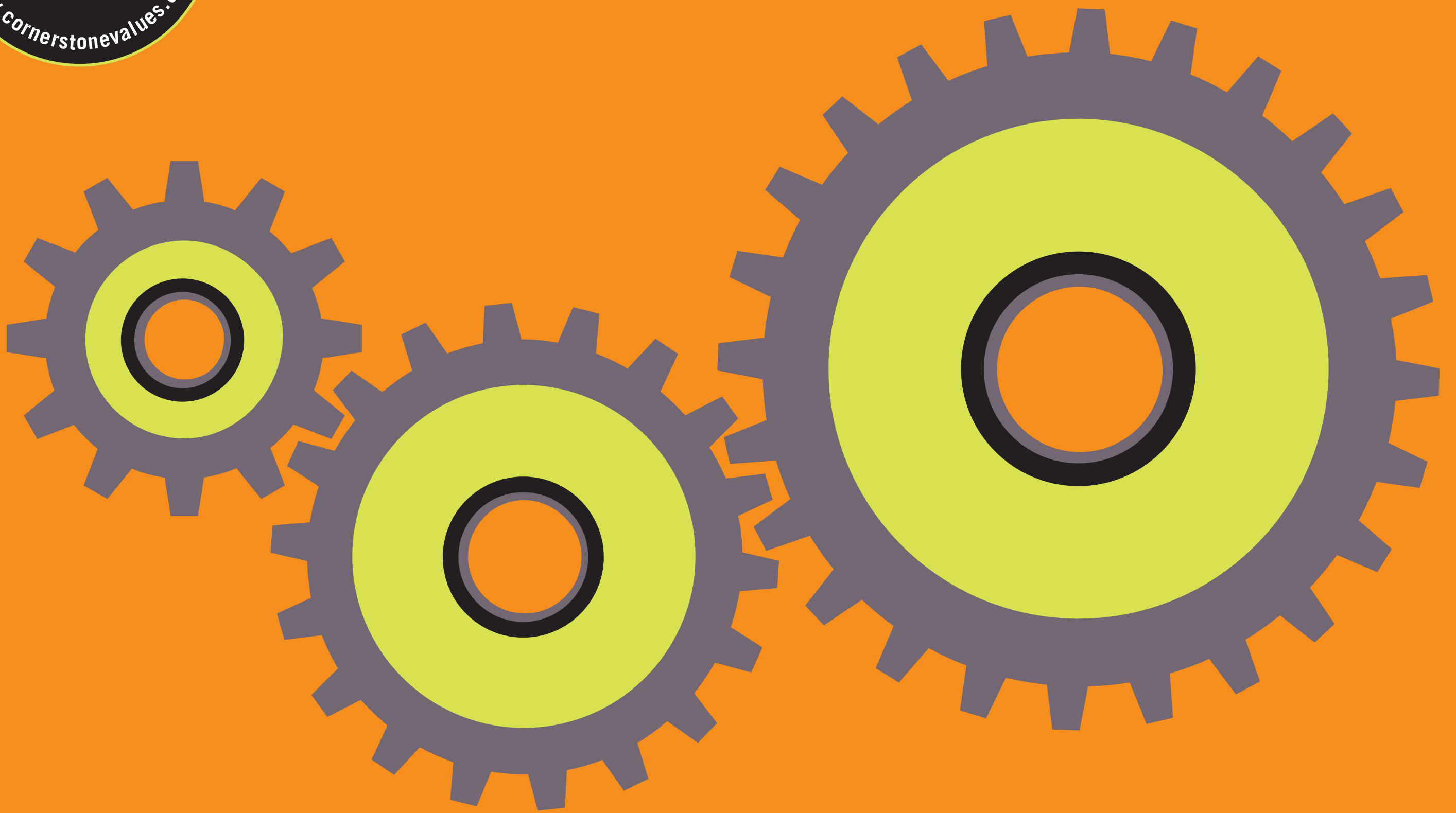
Cause and effect

What happens at the beginning determines what happens at the end.

Nothing happens by accident – something causes it to happen.

The cast iron law of consequences is as real as any law of physics – cut the branch and it falls.





Rational Decision Making

To make a rational decision follow three simple steps:

- 1 Consider all the possible alternatives.**
- 2 Examine all the possible consequences of the alternatives.**
- 3 Accept responsibility for the consequences of your decision.**



Impulse Control

Impulse control is the ability to do the right thing, for the right reason, automatically, when under stress.

- Impulse control is choosing instead of reacting



- Impulse Control is learning to press the “STOP” button
 - The “STOP” button is a person’s impulse control centre
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- Always consider the consequences of all the alternatives before re-acting
 - A moral person is one who delays any impulse long enough to consider the consequences of the alternatives

“Act in haste, repent at leisure” - *English proverb*