

# Proverbs 11:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.

## Analysis

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He that troubles his own house shall inherit the wind, and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart. Domestic strife brings empty inheritance - 'wind' suggests vanity, nothing of substance. The fool's folly results in servitude to the wise. This verse warns that family dysfunction produces lasting harm while wisdom produces lasting advantage. Troubling one's house forfeits inheritance; wisdom secures position.

## Historical Context

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Reflects patriarchal household structure where inheritance was critical. Causing domestic turmoil could result in disinheritance or reduced portion. Wisdom secured favor; folly brought judgment.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How might you be 'troubling your house' in ways that will produce empty results?

2. What wisdom do you need to develop to avoid servitude to others' folly?

## Interlinear Text

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He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind shall be servant

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H5157

H7307

H5650

לִבְבָּם לְפָנָם אֵלֶּה  
and the fool to the wise of heart

H191

H2450

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ecclesiastes 5:16** (Parallel theme): And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind?

**Proverbs 14:19** (Parallel theme): The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

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