

# Proverbs 12:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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A man shall not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. Wickedness provides no stable foundation - it cannot establish secure existence. Righteousness provides deep roots ensuring stability against storms. The root imagery emphasizes both invisibility (character) and stability (endurance). What's established by wickedness will fall; what's rooted in righteousness will stand.

## Historical Context

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Agricultural imagery familiar to ancient Israel - trees with deep roots withstood storms that toppled shallow-rooted plants. Applied to human life, character determines stability.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What are you establishing your life upon - wickedness or righteousness?
2. How deep are your 'roots' in righteous character to withstand life's storms?

## Interlinear Text

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לֹא	יִכּוֹן	אִם	בְּרָשָׁע	וְשֹׁרֶשׁ	צִדִּיקִים
H3808	shall not be established	A man	by wickedness	but the root	of the righteous
	H3559	H120	H7562	H8328	H6662
בֶּלִי	יִמּוּט:				
H1077	shall not be moved				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 10:25** (Righteousness): As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

**Ephesians 3:17** (Parallel theme): That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

**Proverbs 12:12** (Righteousness): The wicked desireth the net of evil men: but the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.

**Colossians 2:7** (Parallel theme): Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

**Psalms 15:5** (Parallel theme): He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

**1 Samuel 25:33** (Parallel theme): And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.