

Proverbs 19

Chapter 19 of 31 · 29 Verses · Authorized King James Version

Proverbs on Wealth and Poverty

- ¹ Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
- ² Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.
- ³ The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.
- ⁴ Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.
- ⁵ A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.
- ⁶ Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.
- ⁷ All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.
- ⁸ He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.
- ⁹ A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.
- ¹⁰ Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
- ¹¹ The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.
- ¹² The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.

- 13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.
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- 14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.
- 15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.
- 16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die.
- 17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.
- 18 Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.
- 19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again.
- 20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
- 21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.
- 22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.
- 23 The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.
- 24 A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
- 25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.
- 26 He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

- 27** Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.
- 28** An ungodly witness scorneth judgment: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.
- 29** Judgments are prepared for scorers, and stripes for the back of fools.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Hope — תִּקְוָה (Tikvah)

Hope, expectation

The Hebrew **tikvah** (תִּקְוָה) means hope or expectation—confident trust in God's promises. 'Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God' (Psalm 146:5).

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Love — אַהֲבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אַהֲבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

Transgression — פְּשָׁע (Pesha)

Transgression, rebellion

The Hebrew **pesha** (פְּשָׁע) means transgression or rebellion—willful violation of God's law. It implies deliberate revolt against divine authority: 'he was wounded for our transgressions' (Isaiah 53:5).

Wrath — אַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Proverbs 19:1

Parallel theme: Proverbs 14:2; 15:16; 16:8; 19:22; 20:7; 28:6; Matthew 16:26

Proverbs 19:2 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 21:5; 28:22; 29:20; Isaiah 28:16; Hosea 4:6; John 16:3; Romans 10:2; Philippians 1:9. **Sin:** Proverbs 28:20. **Good:** Ecclesiastes 12:9

Proverbs 19:3 **References Lord:** Psalms 37:7

Proverbs 19:4 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 14:20

Proverbs 19:5 **Witness:** Proverbs 6:19; 19:9; 21:28; Exodus 23:1. **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 5:11; Daniel 6:24

Proverbs 19:6 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 17:8; 18:16; 19:12; 21:14; 29:26; Genesis 42:6; Romans 6:23

Proverbs 19:7

Parallel theme: Proverbs 14:20; 18:23; 19:4; 21:13; Psalms 38:11; 88:8; 88:18; James 2:6

Proverbs 19:8 **Good:** Proverbs 16:20. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:18; 3:21; 4:21; 17:16; 22:18; Psalms 19:11. **Love:** Proverbs 4:6; John 14:21; 1 Peter 3:10

Proverbs 19:9 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 22:15. **Witness:** Proverbs 19:5

Proverbs 19:10 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 26:1

Proverbs 19:11 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 12:16; 14:29; 15:18; 16:32; 17:14; 20:3; 25:21; James 1:19

Proverbs 19:12 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 28:15; Psalms 133:3; Hosea 14:5. **Kingdom:** Proverbs 20:2

Proverbs 19:13 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:1; 17:21; 17:25; 21:9; 21:19; 25:24; 27:15; Job 14:19

Proverbs 19:14 **References Lord:** Proverbs 18:22; Genesis 24:7; Joshua 11:23. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 3:6; 13:22; Deuteronomy 21:16; 2 Corinthians 12:14; James 1:17

Proverbs 19:15 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 20:13; 23:21; 24:33; 2 Thessalonians 3:10

Proverbs 19:16 **Word:** Proverbs 3:1; 13:13; 29:18; Luke 11:28; 1 John 3:22; 5:3; Revelation 22:14. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 16:17; 21:23; Luke 10:28

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Proverbs 19:18 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 13:24; 22:15; 29:15; 29:17

Proverbs 19:19 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 25:28; 29:22

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Parallel theme: Proverbs 1:8; 4:1; 12:15; Numbers 23:10; Deuteronomy 8:16; 32:29; Psalms 37:37; 90:12; 90:14

Proverbs 19:21 **References Lord:** Proverbs 16:1; 16:9; 21:1; 21:30; Isaiah 14:24. **Parallel theme:** Job 23:13; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Isaiah 46:10; Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11

Proverbs 19:22 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 19:1; 2 Corinthians 8:12

Proverbs 19:23 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 25:13; 85:9; 90:14; Malachi 4:2; Matthew 5:6; Romans 8:28; 1 Timothy 4:8. **Evil:** Proverbs 10:27; 12:21. **References Lord:** Psalms 103:17

Proverbs 19:24 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 15:19

Proverbs 19:25 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 15:5; 17:10; 21:11; Revelation 3:19

Proverbs 19:26 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:5; 17:2

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Proverbs 19:28 **Sin:** Job 15:16. **Parallel theme:** Job 34:7

Proverbs 19:29 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 9:12; 10:13; 26:3

