

# Proverbs 29

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## Proverbs on Leadership and Discipline

- <sup>1</sup> He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.
- <sup>2</sup> When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.
- <sup>3</sup> Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.
- <sup>4</sup> The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.
- <sup>5</sup> A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.
- <sup>6</sup> In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.
- <sup>7</sup> The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.
- <sup>8</sup> Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.
- <sup>9</sup> If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.
- <sup>10</sup> The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.
- <sup>11</sup> A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.
- <sup>12</sup> If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.

13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the LORD lighteneth both their eyes.

14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

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15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.

22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.

25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but every man's judgment cometh from the LORD.

- <sup>27</sup> An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Blood** — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

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### **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).

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### **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.

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### **Law** — תּוֹרָה (Torah)

Law, instruction

The Hebrew **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) means law or instruction—God's revealed will for His people. The Law includes moral, civil, and ceremonial commandments, revealing God's character and humanity's need for a Savior.

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### **Lord** — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

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

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### **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.

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### **Righteous** — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

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### **Spirit** — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

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**Transgression** — פֶּשַׁע (Pesha)

Transgression, rebellion

The Hebrew **pesha** (פֶּשַׁע) 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).

**Truth** — אֱמֶת (Emet)

Truth, faithfulness

The Hebrew **emet** (אֱמֶת) means truth or faithfulness—reliability and conformity to reality. God is true (emet), utterly faithful to His word and character.

**Word** — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

**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.'

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

**Proverbs 29:1** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:15; 28:18; 1 Samuel 2:25; 1 Kings 22:28; Nehemiah 9:29; John 13:18; 13:26; Acts 1:18; 1:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:3

**Proverbs 29:2** **Righteousness:** Proverbs 11:10; 28:12; 28:28. **Parallel theme:** Esther 3:15; 8:15; Revelation 11:15. **Evil:** Ecclesiastes 10:5

**Proverbs 29:3** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 6:26; 10:1; 15:20; 27:11; 28:7; Luke 15:13; 15:30. **Love:** Proverbs 21:17

**Proverbs 29:4** **Judgment:** Proverbs 20:8; 29:14; Micah 7:3. **Kingdom:** Daniel 11:20

**Proverbs 29:5** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:17; 7:5; 7:21; 20:19; 26:28; Job 17:5; Psalms 5:9; 12:2; Hosea 5:1; Romans 16:18

**Proverbs 29:6** **Evil:** Psalms 11:6; Ecclesiastes 9:12; 2 Timothy 2:26. **Sin:** Exodus 15:1. **Righteousness:** Psalms 97:11; 118:15

**Proverbs 29:7** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 21:13; Job 29:16; 31:13; 31:21; Psalms 41:1; Galatians 6:1. **Evil:** Jeremiah 5:28

**Proverbs 29:8** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 11:11; Jeremiah 15:1. **Judgment:** Proverbs 16:14

**Proverbs 29:9** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 26:4; Ecclesiastes 10:13

**Proverbs 29:11** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 12:16; 12:23; 14:33; 19:11; Judges 16:17; Amos 5:13; Micah 7:5

**Proverbs 29:12** **Evil:** Proverbs 20:8

**Proverbs 29:13** **Parallel theme:** Matthew 5:45; Ephesians 2:1. **References Lord:** Proverbs 22:2. **Light:** Psalms 13:3

**Proverbs 29:14** **Kingdom:** Proverbs 16:12; 20:28; 25:5. **Judgment:** Proverbs 29:4; Isaiah 11:4

**Proverbs 29:15**

**Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:1; 10:5; 13:24; 17:21; 17:25; 22:6; 22:15; 29:17

**Proverbs 29:16**

**Righteousness:** Proverbs 29:2; Psalms 58:10. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 37:36. **Evil:** Psalms 37:34; 91:8; 92:11

**Proverbs 29:17** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 10:1; 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 29:15

**Proverbs 29:18** **Word:** Proverbs 19:16; 1 Samuel 3:1; Hosea 4:6; Luke 11:28; James 1:25.

**Parallel theme:** Exodus 32:25; Psalms 74:9; 119:2; Matthew 9:36; John 13:17

**Proverbs 29:20** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 14:29; 21:5; 29:11; James 1:19. **Hope:** Proverbs 26:12. **Word:** Ecclesiastes 5:2

**Proverbs 29:22** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 14:17; 15:18; 22:24; 26:21; James 3:16. **Sin:** Proverbs 10:12; 17:19

**Proverbs 29:23** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 11:2; 15:33; 18:12; Matthew 18:4; 23:12; Luke 14:11; 18:14; 1 Peter 5:5. **Spirit:** Proverbs 16:18; Isaiah 66:2

**Proverbs 29:24** **Sin:** Proverbs 8:36; Leviticus 5:1. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 15:32; Isaiah 1:23

**Proverbs 29:25**

**Faith:** Proverbs 16:20; 30:5; 1 Chronicles 5:20; Psalms 118:8; 125:1; 1 Peter 1:21. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 91:14; Luke 12:4; John 9:22. **References Lord:** Proverbs 18:10

**Proverbs 29:26** **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 19:6; Genesis 43:14; Daniel 4:35. **References**  
**Lord:** Proverbs 16:7; 19:21; Nehemiah 1:11; Psalms 20:9; 62:12. **Judgment:** Isaiah 49:4; 1  
Corinthians 4:4

**Proverbs 29:27** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 139:21; John 15:23; 1 John 3:13. **Evil:** John 7:7

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