

Studies in the Book of Proverbs by [John T Polk II](#)  
For [The Fellowship Room](#)

## (#151) The Proverbs of Solomon 20:28- How To Lose An Election

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

### **Proverbs 20:28:**

Mercy and truth preserve the king, and by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.

"Mercy" is "kindness, forgiveness, protection offered," and kingdoms, countries, or empires that incorporate "mercy" in its laws and leaders can survive. Jesus used such a king to make a powerful point about "forgiveness" (**Matthew 18:21-35**), for a servant is forgiven his debt but he will not forgive one who owes him. The king wanted his "compassion" to be passed along, and when it wasn't, the unforgiving servant was condemned, and Jesus said,

"So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."  
(**Matthew 18:35**)

Mercy shows a king's heart for his people. When people realize that "the king" (or leader of government, whether an individual or congress) doesn't care what pain, anguish, penalty, or price government policies impose upon them, they will seek a change of leadership.

"Truth" is "fact, reality, veracity, honesty," and laws of the land must have this at their core, or else there is no standard for conduct. The Israelites settled in their Promised Land, but failed to follow God's Law.

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes. (**Judges 17:6; 21:25**)

Governments without Biblical, Constitutional, or Legislative truth for a moral compass are destined to fail. "Truth" is the backbone of good law. All law that is based upon half-truths, lies, or deceit should be uncovered and removed. Without "mercy and truth" for limits, no government will survive, and without personal "lovingkindness," elections are lost!

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.*



**Studies in the Book of Proverbs** by [John T Polk II](#)  
For [The Fellowship Room](#)

My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. (**Proverbs 3:1-6**)

~~~~~