

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

(#195) The Proverbs of Solomon 29:14- How to be Re-elected

Proverbs 29:14:

The king who judges the poor with truth, His throne will be established forever.

"The king" (or any government leader who thinks he/she is a "king") represents the administration and its governance. Judging the "poor with truth," means that:

- 1) No law or court decision should favor the "poor" ([Exodus 23:3, 6](#); [Leviticus 19:15](#)), either by taking more from the "rich" or artificially raising the minimum wage of the "poor;"
- 2) No law or court decision should seek to do away with the condition of being "poor," for Jesus Christ said "the poor you have with you always" ([John 12:8](#)), and Solomon said:
The rich and the poor have this in common, The LORD is the maker of them all. ([Proverbs 22:2](#))
- 3) No law or court decision should make life harder for the "poor." Solomon had said:
Do not rob the poor because he is poor, Nor oppress the afflicted at the gate; For the LORD will plead their cause, And plunder the soul of those who plunder them. ([Proverbs 22:22-23](#))
- 4) No law or court decision should define or describe being "poor" so as to include more as being "poor" than there really is! "Poor" in Moses' Law, meant one was reduced to selling off his possessions or even himself ([Leviticus 25:25-48](#))! "Poverty" can be the result of:
 - a. Laziness ([Proverbs 6:9-11](#));
 - b. Stinginess ([Proverbs 11:24](#));
 - c. Refusal to be disciplined ([Proverbs 13:18](#));
 - d. Empty talk ([Proverbs 14:23](#));
 - e. Reckless planning ([Proverbs 21:5](#));
 - f. Constant fun ([Proverbs 28:19](#)).

The truly wise will enjoy being a part of "the middle class:"

Two things I request of You (Deprive me not before I die):
remove falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches- feed me with the food allotted to me; lest I be full



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

and deny You, and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or lest I be poor and steal, and profane the name of my God. (**Proverbs 30:7-9**)

A country whose people received the condemnation of God "used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger" (**Ezekiel 22:29**).

"The king" who wants to be re-elected will take note and be wise.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~