

**Text:** Proverbs 29:18, KJV and NIV

**How to Read Proverbs**

- Proverbs present truth in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Proverbs are written in poetic \_\_\_\_\_.
- Proverbs constantly contrast \_\_\_\_\_.

**Applying the Principles to Proverbs 29:18**

- \_\_\_\_\_ the parallelism.
- Discern the contrast between \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the proverb’s meaning.

**What Does this Mean for Us?**

- Wisdom and folly have the same \_\_\_\_\_.
- Which will we \_\_\_\_\_?
- Loving and living by God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Life Enrichment**

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What did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling about today's teaching?  
Why?

- Why do you think that Proverbs 29:18 is one of the most misunderstood verses in the Bible?
- Why do prominent and trusted pastors misuse this verse? How does their understanding of the term "vision" from the King James version compound the problem?
- Which of the three principles for reading Proverbs do you find most helpful?
- Popular teachers insist that our text means that churches should pursue "a picture of what God wants to do that produces passion." How is this different from what the verse actually means?
- Why do you think there is sometimes a hesitance to offer wise instruction? Why do you think some people don't desire wise instruction? What is the outcome?
- What are the differences between folly and wisdom?
- Which will you choose? Why?
- What do you think will happen if we decide to choose wisdom rather than folly, instruction rather than our own way?