

***The Words “Govern” and “Governor” as found in the New Testament  
of the King James Version of the Holy Bible***

There are 27 occurrences of the words “Govern” and “Governor” found in the New Testament.

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**Hēgeomai, Greek Strong's #2233**, is a verb used 28 times, translated as count (10), think (4), esteem (3), have rule over (3), be governor (2), *miscellaneous translations* (6). It is translated as “governor” on the following verses:

**Matthew 2:6 –**

And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

**Acts 7:10 –**

And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

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**Hēgemōn, Greek Strong's #2232**, is a noun used 22 times, translated as governor (19), ruler (2), prince (1). It is translated as “governor” in the following verses:

**Matthew 10:18 –**

And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

**Matthew 27:2 –**

And when they had bound him, they led *him* away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

**Matthew 27:11 –**

And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

**Matthew 27:14 –**

And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.

**Matthew 27:15 –**

Now at *that* feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

**Matthew 27:21 –**

The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

**Matthew 27:2 –**

And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

**Matthew 27:27 –**

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band *of soldiers*.

**Luke 20:20 –**

And they watched *him*, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

**Acts 23:24 –**

And provide *them* beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring *him* safe unto Felix the governor.

**Acts 23:26 –**

Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix *sendeth* greeting.

**Acts 23:33 –**

Who, when they came to Caesarea, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.

**Acts 23:34 –**

And when the governor had read *the letter*, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that *he was* of Cilicia;

**Acts 24:1 –**

And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and *with* a certain orator *named* Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

**Acts 24:10 –**

Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

**Acts 26:30 –**

And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:

**1 Peter 2:14 –**

Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

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*Hēgemoneuō*, Greek Strong's #2230, is a verb used 2 times, translated as be governor (2) in the following verses:

**Luke 2:2 –**

(*And* this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

**Luke 3:1 –**

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

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*Architriklinos*, Greek Strong's #755, is a noun used 3 times, translated as governor of the feast (2), ruler of the feast (1). It is translated as “governor of the feast” in the following verses:

**John 2:8 –**

And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

**John 2:9 –**

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom,

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*Kybernēsis*, Greek Strong's #2941, is a noun used 1 time, translated as “government” in the following verse:

**1 Corinthians 12:28 –**

And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

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*Ethnarchēs*, Greek Strong's #1481, is a noun used 1 times, translated as “governor” in the following verse:

**2 Corinthians 11:32 –**

In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

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*Oikonomos*, Greek Strong's #3623, is a noun used 10 times, translated as steward (8), chamberlain (1), governor (1). It is translated as “governor” in the following verse:

**Galatians 4:2 –**

But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

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**Euthynō**, Greek Strong's #2116, is an adverb used 2 times, translated as make straight (1), governor + [<G3588>](#) (1). It is translated as “governor” in the following verse:

**James 3:4 –**

Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

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**Kyriotēs**, Greek Strong's #2963, is a noun used 4 times, translated as dominion (3), government (1). It is translated as “government” in the following verse:

**2 Peter 2:10 –**

But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

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