

**PRAY FOR GODLY LEADERS**  
**Esther 3**

**1. If you promote an evil man, he will get proud**

*After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, and advanced him and set his throne above all the officials who were with him. And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. (1-2)*

**2. If you empower an evil man, he will encourage other evil men**

*Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you transgress the king's command?" And when they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them, they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would stand, for he had told them that he was a Jew. (3-4)*

**3. If you ignore an evil man, he will get angry**

*And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage to him, Haman was filled with fury. (5)*

**4. If you anger an evil man, he will pursue revenge**

*But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone. So, as they had made known to him the people of Mordecai, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus. (6)*

**5. If you enrich an evil man, he will misuse the money**

*And the king said to Haman, "The money is given to you, the people also, to do with them as it seems good to you." (11)*

**6. If you enable an evil man, he will discourage the people**

*The couriers went out hurriedly by order of the king, and the decree was issued in Susa the citadel. And the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Susa was thrown into confusion. (15)*