

Some time later King Xerxes promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite over all the other nobles, making him the most powerful official in the empire. **Esther 3:1 (NIV)**

And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated. **Esther 7:10 (ESV)**

HOW TO SABOTAGE MY OWN SUCCESS

1. LISTEN TOO CLOSELY TO THE _____

The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but people are tested by their praise. **Proverbs 27:21 (NIV)**

All the king's officials would bow down before Haman to show him respect whenever he passed by. **Esther 3:2 (NIV)**

2. FOCUS ON WHAT YOU _____

But all this does not really make me happy when I see that Jew Mordecai sitting at the king's gate. **Esther 5:13 (NCV)**

I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor, and I know how to live when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens, when I have enough to eat and when I go hungry, when I have more than I need and when I do not have enough. I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11b-13 (NIV)

3. LET YOUR _____ MAKE A _____ OUT OF YOU.

When Haman saw that Mordecai would not bow down or show him respect, he was filled with rage. He had learned of Mordecai's nationality, so he decided it was not enough to lay hands on Mordecai alone. Instead, he looked for a way to destroy all the Jews throughout the entire empire of Xerxes. **Esther 3:5-6 (NLT)**

Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly hold it back. **Proverbs 29:11 (NLT)**

There are people who think up evil and plan trouble and tell lies. They dig a hole to trap others, but they will fall into it themselves. They will get themselves into trouble; the violence they cause will hurt only themselves. **Psalms 7:14-16 (NIV)**

4. ONLY SEEK COUNSEL FROM PEOPLE WHO _____

Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it. Then go joyfully with the king to the feast." This idea pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made. **Esther 5:14 (ESV)**

There's a way that seems right to a man, but it's end is the way to death. **Proverbs 14:12 (NASB)**