

## **“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

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One of the more interesting stories of the Bible involves two men named Haman and Mordecai. Haman was an up-and-coming politician from Babylon while Mordecai was a pleasant and faithful Jewish refugee. Haman did not like Mordecai and the hate grew so intense that he constructed a gallows with Mordecai in mind. An interesting thing happened on the way to the hanging; Haman ended up getting the noose.

While there is much more to this story, one of its morals is that we must be careful what we wish for other people. Had Haman not been out to get Mordecai, there is a chance he wouldn't have gotten his own punishment.

When we deal with people, do we do so with mercy and acceptance or with a spirit of selfishness and vengeance? Often, when we pursue our own desires, we lose sight of reality and discover that we have just enough rope to hang ourselves.

Let's learn to use discretion in our approach to our neighbors; or as the Bible says, "... do not judge and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned." (Luke 6:37).

Think about it! For the Madison Avenue Church of Christ; this is Charlie Wharton.