

When Authority is Corrupt
Esther 1

- I. Do not be enamored with worldly splendor. 1:1-9**
 - 1. Remember that God's kingdom is greater. 1:1-5
 - 2. Remember that God's wealth is greater. 1:6-9

- II. Do not be afraid of worldly expectations. 1:10-12**
 - 1. Pagan rulers make bad decisions. 1:10
 - 2. Pagan rulers give evil commands. 1:11-12

- III. Do not be deterred by worldly injustice. 1:13-22**
 - 1. Those with power want to keep it. 1:13-18
 - 2. Those with authority want to use it. 1:19-22