

Bad emperors found most often are (chronological order):

Caligula*, Nero**, Vitellius***, Domitian****, Commodus*****, Elagabalus*****, Gallienus^ (SHA, not generally elsewhere)

*Eutropius 7.12 *sceleratissimus ac funestissimus*, incestuous, lustful, greedy, cruel, savage, even worse than Tiberius; Ausonius *Caesares saevus* (59), murders, incest, crimes (60); Sidonius 5.321 *turpia numina*, 7.105 boots

**Eutropius 7.14 most like Caligula: music and acting, murders of family, burnt Rome, unmilitary; Claudian 8.313-4 murders, Claudian 20.61 acting, Ausonius *Caes. saevus* (10), *dirus* (22), matricide (35), all crimes (68); Sidonius 5.322 music and marriages, 7.106 good death

***Eutropius 7.18 gluttony, emulated Nero, bad death; Ausonius *Caesares unworthy* (14, 78-81), coward (14, 78), *famosus* (24), *perimendus* (38), bad death (14, 78); Sidonius 5.324-5 and 7.108-110 gluttony

****Eutropius 7.23 more like Nero or Caligula or Tiberius than his father or brother; Ausonius *Caesares calvus Nero* (17), *saevus* (29), *gravis* (41), bad in general (90-93)

*****Eutropius 8.15 unlike father, depraved, gladiator, hated by all; Ausonius *Caesares gladiator, adulterer* (114-117)

*****Eutropius 8.22 disgusting and obscene; Ausonius *Caesares defiler, false Antonine* (138-9)
^Eutropius 9.8 pernicious, lost energy, became not only soft but decadent

Also common:

Tiberius*, Claudius** (indeed, all Julio-Claudians except Augustus)

*Eutropius 7.11 apathetic, cruel, greedy, lustful, unwarlike; Aurelius Victor 2 sneaky, lustful, cruel, Capri, unwarlike; Claudian 8.314-5, 20.61 Capri; Ausonius *Caesares Capri*(32, 56-7), *senex exul* (32); Sidonius 5.321 and 7.104 Capri

**Eutropius 7.13 moderate, sometimes cruel and stupid, conquered Britain; Aurelius Victor 4 good and bad; Ausonius *Caesares failure to restrain others* (64-5); Sidonius 5.322 and 7.105 censorship (Aurelius Victor 4.4?)

Less common:

Galba (age, stinginess)*, Otho (lifestyle)** , Carinus***

*Ausonius *Caesares senex* (12, 24, 36, 70), remembers Tacitus' line (70-71)

**Eutropius 7.17 *mollis*; Ausonius *Caesares mollis* (13), *lascivus* (24), *saevus* (36), *famosus* (37), brave death (37, 76-7), emulated Nero (74-5); Sidonius 5.323-4 and 7.107 vanity

***Eutropius 9.19 befouled with all crimes (probably because Diocletian had to get rid of him)

Later Christian writers will name any persecutor (e.g., Decius, Galerius) bad

Reluctance by western authors to condemn Julian for anything but apostasy

See Prudentius, Augustine