

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis
Letter 23 Worksheet

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Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

1. corrupt _____
2. Pharisee _____
3. inquisitor _____
4. debauchee _____
5. tyrant _____
6. accretions _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

perversions, catastrophic, manifold, suppression, promulgated, terminus, centrifugal, platitudes, remote, uncouth, partisan, novelty

Bonus Vocabulary

platitudinous

Comprehension Questions Answer the questions briefly (full sentences are unnecessary)

1. Why are genuine, intelligent, and sincere Christians of concern to Screwtape?

2. Screwtape recommends to Wormwood that he transform himself into “an angel of light”. How would this help the cause of Screwtape and Wormwood?

3. Briefly describe: “Several of his new friends are very much alie to the social implications of their religion.”
(Hint: *Thoughts have consequences.*)

4. How has the “historical Jesus” been used by Screwtape with respect to ...

a. liberal, humanistic lines _____

b. Marxian _____

5. How do you think Jesus as “the great man theory” has helped Screwtape?

6. Screwtape identifies four ways in which he uses the “historical Jesus” construct. Briefly, what are they and how do they help Screwtape?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

7. Briefly explain: “Certainly we do not want men to allow their Christianity to flow over into their political life, for the establishment of anything like a really just society would be a major disaster.”

Special Note: To read further on the subject of the so-called “social gospel” from an articulate Christian worldview perspective, check out the following:

The Politics of Guilt and Pity by Dr. R. J. Rushdoony

Revolt Against Maturity by Dr. R. J. Rushdoony

Salvation and Godly Rule by Dr. R. J. Rushdoony

Productive Christians in an Age of Guilt-Manipulators: A Biblical Response to Ronald J. Sider by David Chilton