

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

Letter 24 Worksheet

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Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

1. habitually _____

2. naïveté _____

3. novice _____

4. overrefined _____

5. pedantic _____

6. venial _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

congruity, repelled, society, explicitly, complacent, trumpery, self-congratulation, theocrats

Bonus Vocabulary

initiates

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

1. Who is Slimtrimpet? _____

2. What does Screwtape think is the chink in the armour of the “patient’s” young woman?

3. Where does Screwtape think this young woman obtained her assumptions?

4. The young woman's Faith, is what Screwtape calls assumptions. Define both words. Then decide, from your worldview presuppositions if the young woman is holding Faith or assumptions.

Faith _____

Scriptural Proofs _____

Assumptions _____

I believe this young woman is holding *true faith* / *assumptions* (circle one or both?) because

5. Screwtape is working with Wormwood to attack the young woman via Spiritual Pride. How is he attempting to do this?

6. Describe the Christian society the "patient" finds himself in.

7. Do you think this type of Christian society will increase as more and more Christians pull their covenant children out of government school?

8. Do you think Lewis was making a connection between various cliques and factions in the visible church and the following sentence. “He must be made to feel (he’d better not put it into words) ‘how different we Christians are’; and by ‘we Christians’ he must really, but unknowingly, mean ‘my set’; and by ‘my set’ he must mean not ‘the people who, in their charity and humility, have accepted me,’ but ‘the people with whom I associate by right.’”

____ yes, Lewis is referring to cliques/factions in visible church

____ no, Lewis is referring to cliques/factions in visible church

9. Briefly explain, “What you want is to keep a sly self-congratulation mising with all his thoughts and never allow him to raise the question, ‘What, precisely, am I congratulating myself *about*?’”

In recent years, there has been the “self-esteem” movement. Do you see a connection between this “self-esteem” movement and Screwtape’s temptation (i.e., worshipping the creature versus the Creator)?

____ yes ____ no

For the Christian, do you think there is a difference between “self-esteem” and *respect* for what God has created?

Scriptural Proofs, if any

10. Why would Screwtape want Christianity to be a mystery religion?
