

*The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis

**Letter 26 Worksheet**

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**Vocabulary** Define the following words with only 1-2 words

1. courtship \_\_\_\_\_

2. sowing \_\_\_\_\_

3. avail \_\_\_\_\_

4. ambiguity \_\_\_\_\_

5. waived \_\_\_\_\_

6. postponed \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Credit Vocabulary**

foment, chronic, divergence, dominated, conversely, spontaneous, complaisance, nominable, ostensibly, altruisms, debauch, thwarted, accumulated, elaborate

**Bonus Vocabulary**

chronic

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

1. Screwtape is convinced that humans deceive themselves into thinking a problem is solved via love. Why would Screwtape enjoy this self-deception and how does this help him?

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2. Screwtape defines the word “Unselfishness” differently between men and women. How?

a. women \_\_\_\_\_

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b. men \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How does the difference in defining “Unselfishness” between men & women help Screwtape?

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4. How does Screwtape use a misunderstanding of charity to his advantage for married couples?

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5. Define the Generous Conflict Illusion.

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6. Why do you think it is important for Screwtape to move humans outside the bounds of reason and courtesy.

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7. Explain this sentence. “She’s the sort of woman who lives for others --- you can always tell the others by their hunted expression.”

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8. Explain what Lewis means by: “If they notice them they will be on the road to discovering that “love is not enough, that charity is needed and not yet achieved and that no external law can supply its place.”

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