

*The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis

**Letter 27 Worksheet**

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

1. petitionary \_\_\_\_\_

2. pious \_\_\_\_\_

3. contracted \_\_\_\_\_

4. peculiarity \_\_\_\_\_

5. perception \_\_\_\_\_

6. predestined \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Credit Vocabulary**

corporeal, meddlesome, inculcating, colleagues, modify, simple-minded

**Bonus Vocabulary**

commerce

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

1. From Screwtape's perspective, why is it important for a Christian NOT to present to God the problems of distraction and wandering during prayer life?

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2. What does Screwtape encourage Wormwood to do?

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3. Explain: "On the seemingly pious ground that 'praise and communion with God are the true prayer,' humans can often be lured into direct disobedience to the Enemy Who ... has definitely told them to pray for their daily bread ..."

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4. Screwtape raises an interesting issue: false piety. Can you define it? (Review the Pharisees)

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5. What does Screwtape mean by the “Heads I win, tails you lose” argument?

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6. Screwtape wants humans to think, “... the Enemy always knew men were going to make those prayers.” Why would this be an advantage to Screwtape?

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7. From Screwtape’s perspective, what is the Historical Point of View?

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8. Explain this sentence. “To regard the ancient writer as a possible source of knowledge---to anticipate that what he said could possibly modify your thoughts or your behaviour---this would be rejected as unutterably simple-minded.”

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9. Why is it important to Screwtape to stop learning from previous ages and have humans think history is bunk?

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