

*The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis

**Letter 29 Worksheet**

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

1. bombard \_\_\_\_\_

2. fatigue \_\_\_\_\_

3. prone \_\_\_\_\_

4. susceptibility \_\_\_\_\_

5. compensation \_\_\_\_\_

6. reimburses \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Credit Vocabulary**

calamity, genuine, stupor, chloroforming, superstitions

**Bonus Vocabulary**

expedients

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

1. It is interesting that Screwtape acknowledges that the sin of pride accompanies both cowardice and courage. What do you think?

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2. Why do you think Screwtape's Research Department is incapable of producing any virtue?

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3. Explain: "To be greatly and effectively wicked a man needs some virtue. What would Attila have been without his courage, or Shylock without self-denial as regards the flesh?"

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4. Why do you think Screwtape holds “Hatred is best combined with Fear” and “Hatred has its pleasures?”

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5. What is the “danger”, according to Screwtape, for encouraging cowardice?

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6. Explain: “A chastity or honesty or mercy which yields to danger will be chaste or honest or merciful only on conditions. Pilate was merciful till it became risky.”

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7. Why is producing Despair a great triumph for Screwtape?

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8. Discuss: “The point is to keep him from feeling that he has *something*, other than the Enemy and courage the Enemy supplies, to *fall back on*, so that what was intended to be a total commitment to duty becomes honey-combed all through with little unconscious reservations.”

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