

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis
Letter 2 Worksheet
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Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

- 1. indulge _____
- 2. penalties _____
- 3. reclaimed _____
- 4. sojourn _____
- 5. spectacle _____
- 6. sham _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

Gothic, erection, estate, liturgy, corrupt, lyrics, pictorial, unconscious, peculiar, clarity, anti-climax, endeavour (endeavor), transition, vermin, inveterate, liaisons, assumption, fanatical, miser, extortioner, vices, hypocrisy, convention, humility, ledger, condescension

Bonus Vocabulary

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

1. What does Screwtape mean when he says the “patient’s” habits — mentally and physically — are in their favor?

2. Lewis makes a distinction between the visible and invisible Church. What is the difference?

a. visible Church _____

b. invisible Church _____

3. Why does Screwtape encourage Wormwood to focus on church members that are his patient's neighbors he has previously avoided?

4. Explain: "At his present stage, you see, he has an idea of 'Christians' in his mind which he supposed to be spiritual but which, in fact, is largely pictorial. His mind is full of togas and sandals and armour and bare legs and the mere fact that the other people in church wear modern clothes is a real — though of course an unconscious — difficulty to him."

5. Screwtape sees an opportunity and a danger when God allows His people to practice and live by His Law-Word even when they do not *feel* His presence. What are they?

a) Screwtape's opportunity _____

b) Screwtape's danger _____

6. Screwtape clearly holds that it is important to have the "patient" be dependent on emotions. Why do you think Screwtape holds that a human not dependent on his emotions is harder to tempt?

7. Lewis deals with the issues of hypocrisy and convention. After reading the last paragraph in this letter, how do you think Lewis would respond to the statement, "I don't go to church because they are all hypocrites"?
