

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

Letter 3 Worksheet

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Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

1. colleague _____

2. mutual _____

3. expurgated _____

4. aggravate _____

5. innocuous _____

6. induced _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

erroneous, cleavage, qualm, immense, improbability, assumption, offensive, utterance, face value, oversensitive, interpretation, offending, grievance

Bonus Vocabulary

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

1. What does Lewis mean when he says when God works from the center outwards “bringing more of the patient’s conduct under the new [S]tandard”?

Hint: [S]tandard refers to the _____

2. Who is Glubose? _____

3. Who is the “old lady”? _____

4. What does Lewis mean when he writes, “... build up between you in that house a good settled habit of mutual annoyance: daily pinpricks.”?

5. What does Screwtape mean by keeping the “patient’s” mind on the inner life? How would this distract the “patient” from his Christian duty?

6. Why would Screwtape want Wormwood to have the “patient” practice an hour of self-examination “without discovering any of those facts about himself which are perfectly clear to anyone who has ever lived in the same house with him or worked in the same office”?

7. What does Screwtape recommend to Wormwood to make the “patient’s” prayers useless?

8. What are the two advantages that Screwtape says will occur?

a) _____

b) _____

9. Explain Lewis’ statement, “When two humans have lived together for many years, it usually happens that each has tones of voice and expressions of face which are almost unendurably irritating to the other.”

10. Screwtape talks about a double standard between the patient and his mother in their home — each wants their words and actions taken at face value while taking great offense at the words and actions of the other. How will this help Wormwood and Glubose?

11. Why would Screwtape want Wormwood to investigate how the mother thinks and feels about her son's recent conversion? How would this help Wormwood?

12. Who is the elder brother Screwtape is referring to? _____