

*The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis  
**Letter 6 Worksheet**

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

1. maximum \_\_\_\_\_

2. uncertainty \_\_\_\_\_

3. contradictory \_\_\_\_\_

4. arouses \_\_\_\_\_

5. barricading \_\_\_\_\_

6. submit \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Credit Vocabulary**

anxiety, suspense, incompatible, fortitude, resignation, inevitably, formulate, reflect, contrariwise, devout, periodicals, anguish, vindictive, revenge, melodramatic, mythical, scapegoats, deplorable, milksops, proclaim, benevolence, malice, remote, circumference, inflaming, pernicious, charity, concentric, fantasy, exclude, embodied, fatal, fume, resolutions

**Bonus Vocabulary**

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

1. Why is it important to Screwtape to keep the “patient” in “maximum uncertainty”?

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2. Repeat the Lord’s Prayer. Explain Lewis’ statement via Screwtape, “It is your business to see that the patient never thinks of the present fear as his appointed cross, but only of the things he is afraid of.”

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3. What is the “important spiritual law” that Screwtape refers to?

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4. Explain: “‘My feelings are now growing more devout, or more charitable,’ so fix his attention inward that he no longer looks beyond himself to see our Enemy or his own neighbours.”

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5. What do you think of Lewis’ comical reaction via Screwtape of Christians in England treating the enemy of their nation as scapegoats and, yet, when German prisoners-of-war appear in England they give the Germans every possible Christian courtesy?

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6. Why does Screwtape encourage Wormwood to have the “patient’s” malice directed against his own neighbors rather than against the Germans?

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7. Explain. “All sorts of virtues painted in the fantasy or approved by the intellect or even, in some measure, loved and admired, will not keep a man from Our Father’s house: indeed they may make him more amusing when he gets there.”

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