

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

Letter 13 Worksheet

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Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

1. inefficiency _____
2. asphyxiating _____
3. inaccessible _____
4. characteristic _____
5. romantic _____
6. submerged _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

stratagem, palming off, foresee, trumpery, preliminary, detaching, absurd, distinctness, clamour (clamor), substitute, convention, eradicate, trivial, forearmed, abandon, tripe, retrieve, wallow, sterilising (sterilizing), piety

Bonus Vocabulary

repetition

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

1. Lewis describes via Screwtape a cloud which prevented Wormwood from attacking the “patient”. What Scripture verses or books of the Bible does this remind you of?

2. Screwtape identified several blunders of Wormwood. What were they?

- a. _____

- b. _____

3. Briefly explain: “The characteristic of Pains and Pleasures is that they are unmistakably real, and therefore, as far as they go, give the man who feels them a touchstone of reality.”

4. How does real pleasure compare to the vanity of humanistic pleasures?

5. How does Screwtape describe God’s work in a Christian’s life with respect to self-will? What is the result afterwards?

6. Why would Screwtape encourage Wormwood to substitute what God has created in His creatures (i.e., human beings) with *the* standards of humanism?

7. Briefly explain Screwtape’s statement: “I would make it a rule to eradicate from my patient any strong personal taste which is not actually a sin, even if it is something quite trivial such as a fondness for county cricket or collecting stamps or drinking cocoa. Such things, I grant you, have nothing of virtue in them; but there is a sort of innocence and humility and self-forgetfulness about them which I distrust.”

8. What Scripture verses, if any, apply to question number 7?

9. Why is Screwtape concerned that Wormwood's "patient" may convert his second conversion into action?

10. Do the Christian tunes *Onward Christian Soldiers* or *Christ Shall Have Dominion* have any correlation to question number 9? _____ yes _____ no Why or why not?

11. Briefly explain: "Let him, if he has any bent that way, write a book about it; that is often an excellent way of sterilising the seeds which the Enemy plants in a human soul. Let him do anything but act."

12. Throughout history there have been many periods and myriads of Christians that have acted, even though we may not know some by name. Can you identify any? (*Hint: The individuals do not necessarily have to be theologians.*)

Christian Name

Event

How it Advanced the Kingdom
