

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

Letter 14 Worksheet

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Vocabulary Define the following words with only 1-2 words

1. lavish _____

2. perpetual _____

3. endowment _____

4. pittance _____

5. formidable _____

6. gratifying _____

Extra Credit Vocabulary

proportion, abjection, self-contempt, cynicism, opinion, manifest, anticipate, strategy, design, bias, repellent, inexplicable, trait, bipeds, instil, vainglory, precise, niche

Bonus Vocabulary

doctrine

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

1. Why is Screwtape alarmed with Wormwood's report that the "patient" is not making confident resolutions?

2. Screwtape warns Wormwood to not tempt the "patient" for an extended period with respect to using vanity in acknowledging being humble as it will "awake his sense of humour and proportion."

3. What does Screwtape see as the goal of virtues?

Give Scriptural proofs, if any. _____

4. Relate question number 3 to the current fad and underlying philosophy behind the popular notion of “self-esteem”. Give Scriptural proofs, if any.

5. How does Screwtape encourage the “patient” to confuse the two differing concepts of *humility* and *low opinion*? How would this help Screwtape and Wormwood?

6. Briefly explain: “The great thing is to make him value an opinion for some quality other than truth, thus introducing an element of dishonesty and make-believe into the heart of what otherwise threatens to be a virtue.”

7. According to Screwtape, what is God’s strategy with respect to the talent He has created in each human being?

8. What is the difference, per Screwtape’s perspective, between humanistic self-love and Christian self-love?

Give Scriptural proofs, if any.

9. Briefly explain: “Your efforts to instil either vainglory or false modesty into the patient will therefore be met from the Enemy’s side with the obvious reminder that a man is not usually called upon to have an opinion of his own tallents at all, since he can very well go on improving them to the best of his ability without deciding on his own precise niche in the temple of Fame.”

10. Briefly explain and determine, if appropriate, how does the following statement relates to taking dominion for Him. “Even of his sins the Enemy does not want him to think too much: once they are repented, the sooner the man turns his attention outward, the better the Enemy is pleased.”

How statement relates to taking dominion.
