

*The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis

**Letter 20 Worksheet**

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

1. forcible \_\_\_\_\_

2. chastity \_\_\_\_\_

3. promotion \_\_\_\_\_

4. lowerarchy (hint: look up hierarchy) \_\_\_\_\_

5. statuesque \_\_\_\_\_

6. aristocratic \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Credit Vocabulary**

prodigal, languishing, folly, premium, distinguishable, transitory, aggravate, chronic, license, infernal, qualitatively, amenable, brutally, accomplice, sulkiness, obsession, prostitute, fornication, vice

**Bonus Vocabulary**

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

1. Screwtape chastises Wormwood for directly attacking the patient's chastity. Why?

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2. To what advantage of (do you think) is it for Screwtape to have Wormwood persuade the "patient" to hold that chastity is unhealthy?

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3. How does Screwtape and his chronies utilize misdirection and confusion with respect to a “small circle of popular artists, dressmakers, actresses and advertisers”? What is their aim?

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Their aim or goal is to \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Screwtape identified two types of women with their accompanying weaknesses --- statuesque aristocratic type that is arrogant and prodical and an exaggerated feminine type that faints and languishes indicating a smallness of mind and falseness. How would these types of women help to undermine marriage?

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5. During the age of jazz, Screwtape and his co-workers have focussed on a particular type of female. Describe her.

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6. Briefly explain: “It is all a fake, of course; the figures in the popular art are falsely drawn; the real women in bathing suits or tights are actually pinched in and propped up to make them appear firmer and more slender and more boyish than nature allows a full-grown woman to be.”

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7. How do any of the above types of women impact both men and women? (*Hint: Working toward something that does not exist*). How would this help Screwtape?

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8. Screwtape writes that human men are haunted by two types of imaginary women. Identify them.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Screwtape briefly describes a female that is encouraged by his “Enemy”. What are her characteristics?

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