

# Growing Deeper Together

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# *The Screwtape Letters*

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Spring 2023

# Schedule

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
1	4/16	Introduction	---	Willard
2	4/23	Letters 1 – 7	1-35	Kirk
3	4/30	Letters 8 – 13	37-67	Smith
4	5/7	Letters 14 - 20	69-109	Smith
5	5/14	Letters 21 – 26	111-145	Preiser
6	5/21	Letters 27 – 31	147-181	Smith

\*Page numbers are keyed to this version of the book: C. S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters* (The C. S. Lewis Signature Classics; San Francisco, PA: HarperOne, 2015).

\*With the exception of Lesson 1, the questions in the following packet have largely been drawn from a Study Guide produced by the C. S. Lewis Institute and their seminar on *The Screwtape Letters* by Dr. Jerry Root (<https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/resources-category/study-courses/cs-lewis-life-and-works/audio-and-videos-about-c-s-lewis/the-screwtape-letters/>).













## Questions for Lesson 4 ~ May 7, 2023

### *Letters 14- 20*

1. (*Letter 14*) According to Screwtape, virtues are less formidable to devils when they are known to the patient, ¶ 2. Why is this? How do the devils twist humility so as to destroy it, ¶ 3? What is the true nature of humility, ¶ 4? What is God's goal for humility and all virtues, ¶s 4 and 5?
  
2. (*Letter 15*) In contrast to a focus on both eternity and the present, Screwtape wants to obscure both from our sight. How does a preoccupation with the future do just that, ¶ 3? Screwtape makes the enigmatic statement that "nearly all vices are rooted in the future." Explain what is wrong with "the future," ¶s 3 and 4? In what ways can you discern concerns for the future that hinder your spiritual growth and hurt your heart?
  
3. (*Letter 17*) We seldom think of gluttony as sin today; however, the devils do. What's the difference between the gluttony of Excess and the gluttony of Delicacy, ¶ 1? Toward which type of gluttony are you inclined?









