

# **The Screwtape Letters – Introduction**

## **Summer/Fall 2011**

### ***About the book***

The Screwtape Letters is a satirical work written by C.S. Lewis that highlights the relationship between an older devil, Screwtape, and his younger, less-experienced nephew, Wormwood. The book is a set of letters from Screwtape which highlights the nature of their work, namely temptation in the lives of their “patients” for their “Father Below.”

### ***About the class***

This class will use the book as a starting point to discuss concepts such as temptation, sin, demons and God.

### ***What is expected of you***

You will try to be on time

- We know that there is this concept of “being fashionably late” or “Chinese time.” We know because we, as the teachers, fall victim to being late as well, but these concepts are not helpful with the limited time that we have each Sunday. So in order to maximize everyone’s time, we will all try to be on time. Please be seated in the Josiah Quincy Upper School cafeteria by 11:20am.

You are to read

- While the lessons prepared should be able to stand alone without reading the chapters prepared, you will gain much more from them if you do the reading ahead of time. Plainly, we expect you to read for your own benefit.

You are to respect the teachers and each other

- Because this is a place of fellowship and learning, you will be expected to be encouraging and non-judgmental with those around you. If you are unclear if something you say or do is disrespectful, feel free to ask one of the teachers or staff.

You are to participate in discussion

- Many people do not like to share their thoughts or ideas because they are concerned about how they will sound or that they do not know the “right” answers. This should not be a problem here since we are all expected to be respectful

You will have fun

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- We love to have fun. Hopefully you do too and hopefully that is why you're here.

### ***What you need for Trellis***

- A copy of The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis
- The Bible (preferably ESV or NIV)
- A good attitude and willingness to learn

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### ***Lesson Schedule***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>
6/12/11	Introduction to Course	
6/19/11	BCEC 50th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE	
6/26/11	Reasoning	preface, chp. 1
	Family: Spiritual and	
7/3/11	Biological	chp. 2, 3
7/10/11	Prayer and Suffering	chp. 4, 5
7/17/11	Fear and Demons	chp. 6, 7
7/24/11	The Law of Undulation	chp. 8, 9
7/31/11	Social life and Humor	chp. 10,11
8/7/11	Christianity: Fake and Real	chp. 12,13
8/14/11	Humility and Eternity	chp. 14,15
	Desires: Church and	
8/21/11	Delicacy	chp. 16,17
8/28/11	Sex and Love	chp. 18,19
9/4/11	Beauty and Time	chp. 20,21
	Romantic Love and Historic	
9/11/11	Jesus	chp. 22,23
	Spiritual Pride and	
9/18/11	Christianity+	chp. 24,25
9/25/11	Charity and Predestination	chp. 26, 27

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10/2/11 Death and Emotions chp. 28, 29  
10/9/11 Fatigue and Security chp. 30, 31

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