Nov. 3, 2019 Screwtape Letters Week 1

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Hesitancy to deal with evil

Archaic Not wanting to blame the devil Fear

Scriptures

Genesis 3:1-4 Matthew 4:1-11 Revelation 12:9 20:2 1 Peter 5:8,9 Ephesians 6:13-17

Schemes (Tactics/Strategies)

2 Corinthians 2:11 (*NIV*) in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware (ignorant) of his **schemes.**

Ephesians 6:11 (NIV) Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes (strategies NLT).

How does he work? He Lies, Deceives, Torments, Tempts, Steals, Accuses ...

Lies: John 8:44 (NIV) Torment: 1 Samuel 16:14 2 Cor. 12:7 Deception: 2 Cor. 11 :14 (angel of light) Holds us captive: 2 Timothy 2:26 (NIV)

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Uncle Screwtape (The Senior Devil) Wormview (Nephew of Uncle Screwtape) The father below (Satan) Earthlings Father Above (God - their Enemy) Viewpoint Earthlings (Us) Earthlings War Book (The Bible)

Aware /Stand Firm /Resist

1 Peter 5:8-9 NLT Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are. James 4:7 (NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- 1. Do I tend to give Satan too much or too little credit for the difficulties I face?
- 2. What are some of the schemes I need to be aware of?
- 3. Where do I need to stand firm in my resolve and not to give into temptations?