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# Chapter 1

*The Screwtape Letters*





**Questions about  
the content of  
chapter 1?**



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- 2. What characteristics of God and/or the devils are revealed?**
- 3. What are the habits and beliefs Screwtape believes can hurt the patient?**
- 4. Have these habits, beliefs, or similar been used against you in your life?**
- 5. How can Christians defend themselves against such attacks?**





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# Key Theme:

## Truth vs. Propaganda and Jargon



**Claim:** Truth and reality are unimportant to the “Patient”.

- You should focus on ideas that affect how you feel, or how you perceive yourself.
- Advertisements and commercials, jargon, slogans, titles, propaganda, influencers... all aim to make us feel a specific way in order to control us (e.g. voting commercials) or to take advantage of us (e.g. convincing us to spend money).



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“Your man....doesn’t think of doctrines as primarily ‘true’ or ‘false’, but as ‘academic’, or ‘practical’, ‘outworn’, or ‘contemporary’, ‘conventional’, or ‘ruthless’. Jargon, not argument is your best ally in keeping him from the church.... That’s the sort of thing he cares about.”







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# Waging the War:



## Taking Aim Against Your Mind:

Turning you away from God, away from truth, away from God's eternal perspective on your life and this world.

### **2 Corinthians 4:4**

“...The god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

### **Romans 8:5-7**

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh. But those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.”



# **The Armor of God:**

## **Helmet of Salvation:**

### **Romans 12:2**

**“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”**

### **Colossians 3:2-3**

**“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”**



# **The Armor of God:**

## **Belt of Truth:**

**Ephesians 4:20-24**

**“...The truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self which belongs to your former way of life, and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds. To put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”**



# **The Armor of God:**

## **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

**“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought to obey Christ.”**