

Questions for Letter 4, "The Prayer Snare"

1. What is your biggest struggle when it comes to prayer?
2. According to Screwtape, the best way to keep a "patient" from praying is to cultivate a "devotional mood," what do you think Screwtape means by this?
3. In addition to a devotional mood, Screwtape recommends a focus on feelings. How does Screwtape recommend using feelings to interfere with prayer?
4. Screwtape also likes imaginary pictures of God as a focus of prayer. What is so diabolically attractive about praying to a mental image of God?
5. How can knowing the devil's snares for prayer help you to pray better?
6. Read Romans 8:26-30. What is the promise in these verses?
 - ~ Fun speculation: what kinds of prayers do you think the Holy Spirit is offering up on your behalf?