

## Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



## Create Distractions:

- Get them to avoid prayer.
- Make them think about other people around them and not the sermon
- Surely you know that if a man can't be cured of churchgoing, the next best thing is to send him all over the neighborhood looking for the church that 'suits' him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches... The search for a 'suitable' church makes the man a critic where the Enemy [God] wants him to be a pupil.

## Create Irritations:

- You want to encourage pride and hatred among each other
- Time will cause them to grow increasingly irritated with each other
- When two humans have lived together for many years it usually happens that each has tones of voice and expressions of face which are almost unendurably irritating to the other. Work on that. Bring fully into the consciousness of your patient that particular lift of his mother's eyebrows which he learned to dislike in the nursery, and let him think how much he dislikes it. Let him assume that she knows how annoying it is and does it to annoy - if you know your job he will not notice the immense improbability of the assumption. And, of course, never let him suspect that he has tones and looks which similarly annoy her. As he cannot see or hear himself, this easily managed.

# Undermine Faith:

- Get them to focus on decline and bewilderment which undermines faith and prevents the formation of virtue
- Prosperity knits a man to the world. He feels that he is finding his place in it, while really it is finding its place in him.
- There is nothing like suspense and anxiety for barricading a human's mind against the Enemy [God]. He wants men to be concerned with what they do; our business is to keep them thinking about what will happen to them.

# Fiend's Greatest Weapon:

- Get them to be content with worldliness and encourage the forbidden use of pleasure.
- A moderated religion is as good for us as no religion at all – and more amusing.
- Our best weapon – the belief of ignorant humans, that there is no hope of getting rid of us except by yielding.

# Fiend's Greatest Fear:

- When they have really learned to love their neighbors as themselves, they will be allowed to love themselves as their neighbors.
- When He [God] talks of their losing their selves, He means only abandoning the clamor of self-will; once they have done that, He really gives them back all their personality, and boasts (I am afraid, sincerely) that when they are wholly His they will be more themselves than ever.
- Do not be deceived, Wormwood. Our cause is never more in danger than when a human, no longer desiring, but still intending, to do our Enemy's will, looks round upon a universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys.





“The church is to be the fellowship of individuals who are bound together by the love present among them through the power of God’s Spirit which is exemplified by humble service to each other and the world. Indeed, as we exist in love, we reflect what God is like. Thereby, we bring glory to him, for we exemplify the love that lies at the heart of the dynamic of the triune God, which Christ himself has revealed to us. (Grenz, 637)