

SCREWTAPE AND WORMWOOD – Facilities

W: Screwtape! Screwtape! Where are you, you worthless slime of a devil?

S: Here I am, your unworthiness.

W: What have you done now --- or better yet --- what ***haven't*** you done to confuse and discourage those Presbyterians?

S: What do you mean, sire?

W: We have increased the cost of running that building of theirs almost to the breaking point, but they keep finding new ways of managing. By now they should be calling uncle!

S: But, sire, I have done everything I can! I even have the gas prices skyrocketing for this next year, but they keep coming up with ways to save energy!

W: You fool! Stop them! Stop them!

S: It's one thing after another with these people. Every time I think I have them over the barrel they come up with a way to meet their expenses. They are actually asking people to pray about their pledges and to think of the pledge card as a seed of new faith growing their congregation!

W: What!?! You can NOT let these people pray! You know we're helpless if they start going to God! No power in hell can stop them then.

S: I know your unworthiness, but what's a devil to do?

W: Tell them not to turn in a pledge card. That way they will never know what to expect in their finances. They will think they can't possibly make do.

S: But, Master, they have developed the habit of working in faith that together they can do it. And besides the pledge cards are going to be dedicated Sunday Nov. 9.

W: That's plenty of time to get them confused or to misplace the cards in their homes.

S: It's too late, sire. They have put extra cards in the pews just for that purpose.

W: Well all I can say is that you better come up with something devilish or your name will be unmentionable in the halls of hell!