

Luke 12:13-15 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”

**Whichever he adopts, [Patriotism or
Pacifism], your main task will be the
same. Let him begin by treating the
Patriotism or the Pacifism as a part of
his religion. Then let him, under the
influence of partisan spirit, come to
regard it as the most important part.
Then quietly and gradually nurse him on
to the stage at which the religion
becomes merely part of the "cause", in
which Christianity is valued chiefly
because of the excellent arguments it
can produce in favour of the British war-
effort or of Pacifism**

**Once you have made the World an end,
and faith a means, you have almost won
your man, and it makes very little
difference what kind of worldly end he
is pursuing. Provided that meetings,
pamphlets, policies, movements,
causes, and crusades, matter more to
him than prayers and sacraments and
charity, he is ours- and the more
'religious' (on those terms) the more
securely ours. I could show you a pretty
cageful down here,**

Your affectionate uncle

SCREWTAPE

- 1. Compromises our witness for Christ**
- 2. Lose our missionary focus in America**
- 3. We trust “power over”**
- 4. We let the Kingdom of the World set our agenda**