

The Many Faces of Evil

2 Corinthians 11: 1-4, 12-15

When we think of evil we think of things such as:

War	Cereal Killer	Child Abuse	Pedophile
Mother-In-Law	Sibling	Abortionists	Principal
Day Care			

These things are _____ evil itself, but the
_____ of evil

EVIL

A force that opposes God and His work of righteousness in the world (Rom 7:8-19). The word is also used for any disturbance to the harmonious order of the universe, such as disease (Ps 41:8). But the Bible makes it plain that even these so-called "physical evils" are the result of a far more serious moral and spiritual evil that began with the FALL of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Gen 3).

The ultimate source of evil in the world is Satan, also called "the devil"

Evil never appears _____ but

2 Corinthians 11:14

And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light

Evil _____ good or virtue

John 8:12

"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

How to determine if something is evil

1. Does it appeal to your _____
your _____

Jeremiah 17:9

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

2. Does it create _____ or
_____ with your conscience

Galatians 5:17-18

The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. NLT

3. Did it fade _____ or last _____?

1 John 2:17

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Hebrews 11:25

choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

4. Will the end result bring _____ or
_____?

Romans 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.