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Title: Choose Carefully

Theme: Beware: Satan sometimes makes evil choices look good.

Object: A giant mushroom from my mulch pile. Macrolepiota procera. Parasol mushroom. Pictures from website for a true Parasol mushroom.

Text: 2 Corinthians 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Sometimes it is not always easy to make the right decisions in life.

The Bible says that Satan, the devil, sometimes appears as an angel of light.

The devil has a way of making bad things seem not so bad.

He might use a friend to get you to listen to the wrong kind of music.

In commercials on TV it looks like people drinking beer are always having fun.

But the truth is that alcohol causes a lot of diseases, a lot of accidents in which people get killed, and a lot of fights between husbands and wives.

Satan tries to make sin look good, but the Bible says that sin, when it is finished, brings death.

Do you know what I found in my back yard yesterday? I brought it in my bag this morning.

This is a giant mushroom, and it looks like it could be good to eat.

But listen, there are also poisonous mushrooms that look like they’re good to eat.

There have been lots of cases where people find mushrooms in their yard or in the woods.

They think they are good to eat, so they cook them and eat them.

But then they get sick, and some have even died.

That’s why we always buy our mushrooms at the store, because we know they’re good to eat.

So how can we tell if this mushroom is good to eat or not? Should we just try it and see if we get sick or die?

No! We have to study the mushroom and compare it to the kinds of mushrooms that are good to eat.

So here I have some pictures that I printed from a website that tells all about the macrolepiota procera mushroom. This website says that these mushrooms are very good to eat.

So let’s compare the pictures of this good mushroom to the mushroom I found.

Before we eat a mushroom that looks good, we always should check to see if it’s really good or if it’s poisonous.

The same is true of alcohol, beer or wine.

It may look good in the commercials on TV, but the Bible says it is really a poison.

Satan is always trying to make sin look good.

But don’t be fooled.

Even if your friends want you to disobey God’s commandments, don’t do it.

Disobeying God is like eating a poisonous mushroom. In the end, sin kills.

That’s why we need Jesus.

Only Jesus can forgive our sins and give us eternal life instead of eternal death.

Do you want to make good choices in life? Let’s start by choosing Jesus.