

## Why does God allow evil in the world?



**G**OD'S WHOLE CREATION IS THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL, and He did that for a reason: to show the difference. If there was no darkness, we wouldn't appreciate the light. If we didn't have the Devil, we wouldn't appreciate God and Jesus. There has to be evil in order to understand good.

In the Garden of Eden, God had to let Adam and Eve eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil so they would know the difference. They already had all the *good* but may not have understood what good was or *how* good it was, because they didn't have anything to compare it with; it was all good. They never really appreciated the Garden until they lost it.

There has to be a little evil and a little bad to help us appreciate the good things. If we didn't have a few troubles, we wouldn't thank God for all the good things. If we didn't have problems, we wouldn't appreciate the solutions He gives us. God allows the bad things to help us be more thankful when things are good, and especially to help us appreciate *Him*—the good of all goods!