

## Definition of “Evil”

I went to a class on Heating & Air Conditioning. The instructor asked, “*What is the definition of ‘Cold’?*” After the class tried a few answers the instructor plainly said, “*There is NO SUCH THING AS ‘COLD’!*” The word “*Cold*” is merely a term used to describe the absence of heat! The less heat something has, we say it is getting “*colder*”! If it were not for the existence of heat, we would have no concept of “*cold*”.

Likewise, there is NO SUCH THING AS “*DARK*”! The word “*dark*” is merely a term used to describe the absence of light! The less light that is present, we say it is getting “*darker*”! If it were not for the existence of light, we would have no concept of “*dark*”.

Likewise, there is NO SUCH THING AS “*EVIL*”! The word “*evil*” is merely a term used to describe the absence of good! The less good that is present, we say it is becoming “*evil*”! If it were not for the existence of good, we would have no concept of “*evil*”.

Everyone recognizes “*cold*” when we feel it! We put on a coat or start a fire. We do whatever we can to create the existence of heat!

Everyone recognizes “*dark*” when we see it! We turn on the lights or light a candle. We do whatever we can to create the existence of light!

Everyone recognizes “*evil*” when it is present! So why don’t we know to do good (James 4:17)? Why don’t we do whatever we can to create the existence of good in our lives?

Why? Because just like some who prefer the cold and the dark, there are those who prefer evil rather than doing good! (John 3:19)