

Good out of evil?

It's amazing, but true, that good really can come out of evil!

First, seeing results of evil *deters* us from doing evil ourselves. As the Bible puts it, “You have been warned ahead of time! So don't let the errors of evil people lead you down the wrong path and make you lose your balance. 2 Peter 3.17 (Bible for Today).

Second, seeing results of evil can *inspire* us to overcome evil by doing good - even if evildoers are targeting us! Jesus recommended this. He said, “Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you.” Matthew 5.44.

Third, seeing results of evil can also drive us to *pray* for the evildoers. Jesus said, “pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.” Matthew 5.44.

Fourth, seeing results of evil *instructs* us about God 's purpose in allowing evil. It's the consequence of his giving us freedom to choose. He could have avoided this, but only at the price of making us like puppets.

Fifth, God searches for those who really want to obey him and live for him. When he successfully woos us away from ungodly behaviour, he is bringing good out of evil.

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“Don't let evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good.”
- Romans 12.21 (Bible for Today).

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