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Seventh, God cannot be tempted with evil or tempt mankind with evil (James 1:13). Mankind often gives into temptation and tempts others. God, however, is holy and will never give in to temptation (Exodus 15:11; Habakkuk 1:13; Psalm 99:9), nor will he lure others into temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Lastly, God is light and he cannot fellowship sin and error (1 John 1:5-7). Mankind often sins and joins hands with sin. God, however, will never sin, nor will he ever fellowship sin (Romans 8:8; 1 Corinthians 10:21). He will walk only with those who walk with him in the light of truth and righteousness (Leviticus 26:23-24; Amos 3:3; 2 John 9).

What Encouragement To Us!

Knowing that God cannot lie, confuse, be mocked, be tempted, act unjustly, be ashamed, fellowship sin, and cannot act prejudicially, is an encouragement to us to remain faithful to him at all times. It is an encouragement to us to know that God is different from mankind and his divine nature gives us something to trust in

Sentence Sermons

- Integrity is tested in adversity.
- It is not your position that makes you happy or unhappy; it's your disposition.
- Grateful people are happy people.
- Don't merely find fault with others, but find a remedy to their fault.
- Many people struggle to learn what is right, but then they will not do it.
- Love your neighbor as your self.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Some Things God Cannot Do

Sometimes the children will sing in Bible class or at VBS the “God is so great” song. This song ends with these words: “My God is so great, so strong, and so mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do for you.” This is a good song and it speaks about one aspect of God’s nature - the awesome power of God. But, of course, when you consider the total nature of God, there are in fact some things that God cannot do.

The Nature of God

God, indeed, is a “great God” (Psalm 95:3) and he is the “Lord Almighty” (2 Corinthians 6:18). Yet, there are some things he cannot do. God cannot do those things because they are contrary to his divine nature and character, not because of a lack of power. What God cannot do should actually give us a sense of encouragement, not doubt.

Many people believe that God is just like them - a liar, tempted, etc. But, he is not. He is not like mankind. He is not like ourselves (Psalm 50:21). God’s nature is divine and he does not change his nature (Malachi 3:6; Romans 11:29; James 1:17). As a

result of God’s divine nature, there are some things he simply will not and cannot do. Let’s see what those things are.

Some Things God Cannot Do

First, God cannot act with respect of persons (Deuteronomy 10:17; Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11; Ephesians 6:9; Colossians 3:25; Galatians 2:6; 1 Peter 1:17; 2 Samuel 14:14). Mankind often acts prejudicially and he sets double-standards (Proverbs 28:21; James 2:1-9). God, however, will never treat people differently with regard to their salvation or judgment (Matthew 11:28; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 22:17).

Second, God cannot author confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33). Mankind often causes confusion in this world. People promote a confused morality, a confused religion, a confused lifestyle, etc. God, however, will never confuse mankind with contradictory principles. He will never act contrary to what he has revealed in his word of truth (Psalm 31:5; John 8:32; 14:6; 17:17).

Third, God cannot be fooled or mocked (Galatians 6:7). Mankind often fools others and is fooled. People believe they can live any way they want and still

go to heaven. They believe they can get by with things without consequences or punishment. God, however, will not allow himself to be fooled or mocked. He knows all things (1 John 3:20) and he will hold all people accountable for their actions.

Fourth, God cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29). Mankind lies, is unreliable, and is untrustworthy. God, however, is always a source of truth and trust (Psalm 19:9). He is full of integrity and trustworthiness (Romans 3:3-4; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 2 Tim. 2:13). His promises are sure (Colossians 1:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:24).

Fifth, God cannot act unjustly (Hebrews 6:10). Mankind is often unfair and unjust toward others. God, however, is always fair, right and just in his actions toward all mankind.

Sixth, God cannot be ashamed of the faithful (Hebrews 11:6; Job 1:8). Mankind often turns away from what is right. Mankind is often embarrassed of what is right. God, however, will never cease to support the faithful