

**James Davis Educational/Library Memorial Fund ▪ Seventeenth Year**

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This summer our POWER FOR LIVING, C.D.G.I.C. Adult Sunday School Lessons are focus on "Many Faces of Wisdom." Wisdom of God instructs us to discern the direction we should go and gives us the insight we need to understand life. It encourages actions that are right, just, humble and fair. Saints whose hearts have been changed can **witness** and **testify** that Lady Wisdom's treasures are far more valuable than wealth, or other worldly things. Why? She can **center** a person's **heart, will, love, thoughts** and **actions** toward practicing everyday knowledge of God. "All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing or perverse in them" ([Proverbs 8:8 KJV](#)). There's no room for **prideful** talk or **attitudes** in Godly wisdom! The foolish suffer their own downfall ([Proverbs 9:13, 18](#)).

This August issue of the JAMES DAVIS, EML Newsletter, will call us to hear Lady Wisdom's voice, "to return back to being Godly servants" and will warn us of the unquestionable realities that happen when "**PLAYING THE FOOL!**" ([C James 4:4-17, NIV](#)).

Is Education That Will Be Provided By God, Worth Playing The Fool?

**STAY HUMBLE, CONTROL PRIDE, BE WISE.**

From: James Davis E.M.L. "DOOR POST" Newsletter Staff.

**WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!"**

**Financial Support is Urgently Needed!**

**THE DOOR POST SCRIPTURE:**

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." ([Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV](#)).

**"THE MOTTO: "FAITH IT, 'TIL WE MAKE IT!"**



**THE DOOR POST James Davis EML Newsletter ▪ Third Year**

Jr. Mother Iris A. B. Barnett, BA, MS ▪ Curator

**"PLAYING THE FOOL":** My personal testimony! After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley, with my first degree in English Literature, upon returning home, church and eventually work and career, my attitude reflected to others as one garbed in academic gowns and looking very serious, so to speak. In reality this attitude shown to others, of myself, was as a dried up mouth that had detached itself from my brain. Simply said, I fumbled and improvise in my life's goals and plans. My nonsense baffled everyone around me. It seem my attitude lead me to make mistakes. I was looking down instead of looking up ([C James 4:4-17](#)).

**SYMBOLIC "LOOKING DOWN" IMAGERY?** If this symbolic image describes you or someone you are trying to emulate then realize you are playing the fool. Your self serving attitude of "being all that and a bag of chips" or it's not fashionable to participate in church anymore" or "I got this, I don't need God" or "what's the point" or all those other excuses you're telling yourself and others. You might be creeping through life, but humiliating experiences are in your life's script. You are playing the fool. You're looking downward toward death.

**GOOD NEWS IN HUMILIATION!** This humiliation style of living can change into a good thing if it leads us to the Good News. This change in humility is the key that opens God's heart. James 4:6 says, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." He showers the humble with peace. God Himself says, "These [the humble] are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my Word" ([Isaiah 66:2b NIV](#)); ([C James 4:10, NIV](#); [Psalms 72:1-20](#)).

**HUMILIATION AND SHAME:** can bring us to God for His shaping. When we fall, we have fallen into His hands. So look up! Repent, return to God and be His church servant. Our most humiliating, embarrassing moments and unwise attitudes can turn into something good if we look up ([C ACTS 7:20-43](#)).

**PRAY FOR CHANGE:** Loving Father God, help me to accept worldly humiliation, if it helps me to look up so I can bring honor and glory to You.

**PRIDEFUL, ARROGENT LIVING IN ANY FORM, IS PLAYING THE FOOL; IT IS NOT WISE GODLY LIVING!**

Minister Aaron Waffer ■ Librarian  
 Library Hours: Sundays 11-11:30 AM  
 NEW Article Deadline: 3rd Sundays



**SEEK KINGDOM VISION:**

**"PLAYING THE FOOL"**

**Pastor Eugene Collins, III**

- \* **THE REALITY:** 1). Our reverence for God needs to be **active** and **operational**. Remarks about "the Man upstairs" and other off-the-cuff comments about God fail to communicate the attitude of a **grateful heart**.
- \* 2). Like Moses when we approached God, we should tremble at the sight of the LORD's **power** and **strength**. Yet we easily reduce God's glory to fit within the casual context of human language. This is playing the fool in word.
- \* **SEEK HIS FACE:** God demands our love. We are to honor Him with our **whole** lives and the real gratitude from our hearts.
- \* **PERSONAL QUESTION:** When ask how does the average person get to **heaven**? We will probably hear something like, "Follow the Ten Commandments" or "Make sure our good deeds out weigh our bad ones." Truth is, eternal life is offered freely to those who will **receive** God's free gift of salvation and who will **follow** in **service** under His will.
- \* **UNCHRIST-LIKE PARENTS:** Make UNCHRIST-LIKE Children!

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# The Door Post

JAMES DAVIS EML Newsletter (Continued)



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 MINDFULNESS: WEEKLY PRAYER AND BIBLE BAND TOPICS STARTS  
 TUESDAY, August 4, 2020 9pm  
 Pastor Eugene Collins ■ Teacher

## IT'S NOT INTELLECT! "THE DOOR POST" Feature Article

**Be Faith-Filled, not God-Testing:** The only way to spend **eternity** with God is by placing our own childlike faith in Jesus Christ [it's not by our parents' faith-filled worship]. It's not living a lifestyle reflecting prideful, boastful, arrogant behavior; living contrary to what is pleasing to Him. It's not a matter of being a "good person" (**C JAMES 2:14-16 MSG**)! This is living life **outside** of God's will, looking downward or better said, **"playing the fool."**

**THE ONLY WAY:** to spend eternity with God, it's not a matter of pious pretense nor attained intellect, i.e. education [thought it's good to attain **scholastically** from God's provisions]. It's a matter of **humble** faith and grace. It's living in a way that tells the Savior we **need Him** more than anything else. We need **Christ** in our marriages (**C Ps. 88:9b, 13, 18 HCSB**), help

with raising godly children when we ourselves have been missing servants [God-Testing, not paying tithes, etc.]. We need help from contracting COVID-19 [in our disobedience]; help to sustain our mental health [when our folly and desires are out of control]. We need help with growing finances [when greed and deceptive methods seems so much easier]; help to sustain our holiness, as well as help with loving those that hate us because of our diverse cultures and skin colors. We need enough faith that conquers all darkness, fears and doubts; we must **seek Christ** as our Hope, Guide in every situation; not allow ourselves to be drawn off course by ungodly criticism or lack of humility. God **is** a great **Encourager**, and when our faith is firmly fixed, **active**, we can be sure He will lead us to **victory** (**C JAMES 1:12 NIV**).

**THINK IMAGE:** "God-testing" is living through this life being arrogant, prideful, foolish, ungodly, not turning back to our Lord, nor even trying to find Him." Californians say the want healing from this deadly Coronavirus, but instead are proving to be disobedient people who will not cry out, heartfelt prayers to Him. Instead of crying out, many prefer to whoop it up in their personal wants and desires ignoring God and scientific facts.  
**SYMBOLISM:** is a writing form used by writers for hinting or suggesting a certain attitude, emotion, or behavior rather than just blatantly saying it. It is a technique useful to sets mental pictures or images. Symbolism is used in **Hosea 6** and **7**. Here the nation of Ephraim is referred to as an **unwise** person that needs to cry out for **help** for **healing**. According to **Hosea**, God desires from Ephraim "mercy [love] and knowledge of Him [acknowledgment]" (**C 6:6; 7:9-16**). Ephraim has "transgressed, dealt treacherously," against God; is made of "**hot hearts**" like ovens; "**a cake not turned.**" Ephraim's strength is "devoured [sapped]" from idol worshiping; has "**gray hair**" but doesn't realize he is "**weak and old**"; he assemble for "**wine**" and to "**rebel against God**"; "**like a silly dove** without heart."  
**PONDER THIS IMAGE:** Ephraim is Americans during this pandemic re-surge. "God wants healing," but...

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE: Special Happy Birthday Mother Perlean Williams 8/17.**

**HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO ALL!**