**“Living Out Your Faith through Business Virtues”**

**James 4:13-5:6**

**AUTHORSHIP: It is quite generally agreed that James, called by Paul “the Lord’s brother,” (Gal. 1:19), was the writer of the epistle.**

**TO WHO ADDRESSED: Apparently to the Jewish converts who lived outside the Holy Land, possibly also to the devout Jews of the dispersion, ch.1:1.**

**MAIN THEME: Practical Religion, manifesting itself in good works, contrasted with mere Profession of Faith.**

**KEY TEXTS: James 1:27 – Religion that God the Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world; James 2:26 – As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.**

**Business: Engagements; Cares; Vices; Virtues; Affairs**

**Business Virtues: Diligence (Proverbs 10:4; 13:4; 22:29); Fidelity (1 Corinthians 4:2); Honesty (Romans 12:17); Giving of Just Weights (Proverbs 11:1; 16:11; 20:10); Industry (Proverbs 6:6; 10:5; 12:11; 13:11; 20:13; Romans 12:11); Integrity (Proverbs 11:3; 19:1; 20:7).**

**I. BY DEVELOPING A BUSINESS PLAN**

**A. James 4:13-17**

**B.**

**C.**

**D.**

**II.BY DEALING WITH RICHES**

**A. James 5:1-6**

**B.**

**C.**

**D.**

**E.**

**Sample Harvest Homes Questions**

**1) Which verses stand out to you?**

**2) What principles and lessons do you see in the word?**

**3) How can you apply these principles to your life?**

**4) What teachings or statements don’t you quite understand and want to study further?**

**5) What did you learn about God?**

**6) What did you learn about human nature?**

**7) What did you learn about your own relationship with God?**

**8) You believe that God is calling you to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**