**“Living Out Your Faith through Speech”**

**James 3:1-18**

**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.**

1. **BY BEING ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR WORDS (James 3:1-2)**
2. **BY BEING INSTRUCTED BY THE WORLD (James 3:3-6)**
3. **BY BEING SUBMISSIVE IN YOUR WILL (James 3:7-12)**
4. **BY BEING A DOER OF HEAVENLY WISDOM (James 3:13-18)**
5. **Prov. 6:17; 10:20,31; 12:18-19; 15:2,4; 16:1; 17:4,20**
6. **Prov. 18:20-21; 21:6,23; 25:15,23; 26:28; 28:23; 31:26**

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**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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**