

# THE PASTOR'S *ESSENTIALS*®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

<sup>13</sup> "ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE. FOR WIDE IS THE GATE AND BROAD IS THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY ENTER THROUGH IT. <sup>14</sup> BUT SMALL IS THE GATE AND NARROW THE ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE, AND ONLY A FEW FIND IT.  
MATTHEW 7:13-14

**es-sen-tials** (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

## *The Letter of James* A BIBLE STUDY

### SESSION THREE

*James 2:1-2:26*

*Questions for Session Three*

1. In the opening verses of chapter two what does James teach about showing favor to some and not to others? What is he teaching the reader/hearer regarding how we judge people based *only* upon their appearance? Why is this discriminatory?
  
2. What is the writer teaching in v. 5? If we were to examine the demographics of our own denomination, where have we seen the most growth over the past fifty years? Where have we experienced the most growth in the past ten or twenty years?

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