take time **6 November James 4:13—5:6** read

http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James%204:13%E2%80%945:6&version=NKJV

All about trading and earning money

study

As a young person you will have plans and goals for your future life. That's quite normal. But have you ever asked the Lord Jesus about His will for your life? He has a plan and a task for your life. He knows your future and wants your best. Live every day with Him, consciously (vv13-16). Do the good things the Lord Jesus shows you – at school, at home, at work (v17).

Pursuing riches and possessions is a wrong attitude. If your life consists only of these things, the results are often a hard heart and a lack of compassion towards others (vv1-6).

The rich people mentioned here even gained their wealth in a wrong way – at the expense of others. They had to realise that earthly riches pass away. It is not a sin to be rich, but it is a danger. Use what you have in the realisation of your responsibility before the Lord.

answer

15. With what does James compare our life?

inform

The rich people mentioned by James had accumulated so much that they lost count of what they actually had: Their riches were corrupted, their clothes being eaten by moths and their precious metals were corroding (vv2-3).
However, those who share their possessions gather up treasure in heaven which cannot be destroyed (Matthew 6:19-21 and 19:21).

think

What is important to God should also be important to you.

note down

15. With a vapour, visible for a short time and then vanishing away (v14).