

## THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

1 Chronicles 4:9,10 (NKJV)

I am excited this morning to introduce to many of you a portion of Scripture that you probably have never really “seen” before. That was certainly true for me until earlier this year. Now I am echoing Jabez’ prayer every day of my life. It is not a gimmick or ritual. Most of you know I am very wary of such things. It has definitely strengthened my life so, as always, I wanted to share with you what God is teaching me. My prayer is that I might whet your appetite for what I believe can prove to be a rich blessing for you as you apply it in your daily walk with God.

### The Petitions of Jabez’ Prayer

Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers and his mother called his name Jabez saying, “Because I bore him in pain.”

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, that You would bless me indeed,

Prov.10:22 Mt.7:7 James 4:2

and enlarge my territory

Zechariah 4:6  
Acts 4

### Our Typical Equation

My abilities + experience + training + my personality & appearance + my past + the expectations of others = My Assigned Territory

### God’s Mathematical Equation

My willingness & weakness + God’s will and supernatural power = My Expanding Territory

that Your hand would be with me

2 Corinthians 3:5,6 Joshua 4:24 Isa.59:11  
Acts 11:21 Acts 4:23-31 2 Chron.16:9

and that You would keep me from evil  
1 Peter 5:8 Mt.6:13 2 Cor.10:4 Col.2:13,15

that I may not cause pain

So God granted him what he requested.

Begin to experience the incredible blessing awaiting you by echoing Jabez’ prayer back to God as your own prayer. His blessing awaits you!

### My Expanded Prayer (as an example for you)

Lord, I don’t want to settle for just being like everyone else. I want to give You my best. I want to be a person of integrity, honorable.

Lord, Your Word teaches me that I have not because I ask not. You said, Ask and you shall receive. So I am asking you to bless me, really bless me!

I want to do my part to help fulfill the great commission, I’ll accept more responsibility to reach more people, make me sensitive to those Divine appointments You may have for me.

I cannot accomplish anything without the filling of Your Spirit, be in control, Lord.

I know Satan will attack because I am seeking to serve You, protect me, Father.

I only want my life to bless others, not hurt them by what I might say or do.

I ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen.