

**THE PRAYER OF JABEZ**  
Reference: **I Chronicles 4:9-10**  
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Although there is much we don't know about Jabez there are three things about him we do know:

**ONE** is his \_\_\_\_\_.  
**verse nine**, "*Now **Jabez was more honorable than his brothers...***"

**Definition:** Moral character is an evaluation of someone's durable \_\_\_\_\_.

Someone said the manifestation or illustration of moral character is what we would do if we were \_\_\_\_\_ no one would ever find out.

*"Good \_\_\_\_\_ is more to be praised than outstanding \_\_\_\_\_.  
Most talent is, to some extent, a gift.  
Good character by contrast, is not given to us.  
We have to build character piece by piece –  
by thought, choice, courage and determination."  
John Luther*

**TWO** is his \_\_\_\_\_.  
**verse nine**, "*...and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, 'Because **I bore him in pain** (probably not physical, but emotional pain).'*"

In the original Old Testament Hebrew language, the actual name "Jabez" meant "to make \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_."

**THREE** is his \_\_\_\_\_.

This is a one-sentence prayer mentioned in **verse ten** (see screen).

Notice that Jabez is asking three specific things from God:

**Request One:** He wanted God to \_\_\_\_\_.

**verse ten**, "*And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, 'Oh, **that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory...***"

This word "territory" implies boundaries and fences and \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Contentment is not saying ‘I’m fine with what I have’. Contentment is saying, ‘I’m fine with what I have, but does God have \_\_\_\_\_ for me?’”*

**Charles Swindoll**

**Request Two:** He wanted God to \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
**verse ten,** “... *that **Your hand would be with me...***”

The basic reason that some of us aren’t begging God for His assistance is because we aren’t attempting any \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Sad will be the day for every man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life that he is living, with the thoughts that he is thinking, with the deeds that he is doing, when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do \_\_\_\_\_ which he knows that he was meant and made to do because he is a child of God”*

**Philips Brooks**

**Request Three:** He wanted God to \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
**verse ten,** “...*and that **You would keep me from evil,** (why was that?) *that I may not cause pain.*”*

Someone has suggested that a better rendering of this phrase is “*and that You would keep me from evil that it (meaning this evil) may not cause me pain.*”

King James Version (1769 edition) “*that it (evil) may not grieve me.*”

New American Standard Version, “*that it (evil) may not pain me.*”

Example: **David and Psalm 51**

It is called a \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm, and it describes the incredible pain he felt from his sin.

Three irrefutable rules about sin:

- Sin will take you \_\_\_\_\_ than you wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sin will keep you \_\_\_\_\_ than you wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sin will cost you \_\_\_\_\_ than you wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.

To adopt the prayer of Jabez do these five things for the next 30 days:

- 1) Pray the prayer of Jabez \_\_\_\_\_ and keep a record of that daily prayer by marking it off on a calendar.
- 2) Keep the \_\_\_\_\_ containing this prayer as a reminder to pray the prayer of Jabez throughout the day.
- 3) Tell at least one other \_\_\_\_\_ of your commitment to your new prayer habit and ask them to check up on you.
- 4) Begin to keep a written record of \_\_\_\_\_ in your life, especially the divine appointments/new opportunities that you can relate directly to the Jabez prayer.
- 5) Start praying this Jabez prayer for your \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.