

PRAY

...FOR A CHANGE

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.
James 5:16

Introduction:

- There is something deep inside all of us that seems to cheer for the “little guy”. We want to see the “no-name” make it big. Consider the stories of TCU, Chick-fil-A, and Ted Williams.
- In the Old Testament, there is a story of a “little man” who made it big. His entire bio is told in a whopping two verses in I Chronicles 4:9,10.
- From these two verses, here’s what we know about Jabez:

1. His life started off really _____ – *“I gave birth to him in pain.”*

2. It ended extraordinarily _____ – *... was more honorable than his brothers.*

- He made it onto God’s “honor roll.”

But what made the change in Jabez’ life?

3. What made the change in Jabez’ life was a simple _____ that made all the difference!

Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “O that you would bless me...” And God granted his request. (v. 10)

Asking for God’s blessing is not asking for more of what we could get for ourselves. Asking for God’s blessing is our wanting for ourselves nothing more and nothing less than what God wants for us.

Bruce Wilkinson, **The Prayer of Jabez**, p. 22,23

But there’s a catch: We must _____.

Is this biblical? Let’s see what the Bible says:

- Psalm 34:15-18
- Jeremiah 33:3
- Matthew 7:7
- James 4:2

Conclusion:

Let’s ask for God’s _____.

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