

# “A Prayer For Increase”

*1 Chronicles 4:9-10 - September 24, 2017*  
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(Luke 12:48b)

*1. That God would bless him indeed. (vs. 10)*

Jabez sought after spiritual blessings, not material blessings. (Ephesians 1:3)

Indeed: Without question; no doubt

(Genesis 22:17-18)

Please remember that you are blessed. (Deuteronomy 28:3, 6)

*2. That God would enlarge his coast. (vs. 10)*

Coast: a) Border  
b) A line separating one place from another  
c) Boundary  
d) A line of division between different or opposed things.

Jabez asked God to enlarge his heart or inner man, to match the enlargement of his territory. To receive the things that are large, you must rise above the things that are small.

(2 Corinthians 6:16-17)

*3. That God's hand might be with him. (vs. 10)*

With God, all things are possible. (Exodus 13:14)

(Exodus 33:14-15)

You should not want to go anywhere if the Lord's presence is not going with you.

*4. That God would keep him from evil. (vs. 10)*

We live in a fallen world filled with sin, and it is important to ask God to keep us safe from the unavoidable evil that comes our way. But we must also avoid evil motives, desires, and actions that begin within us. Therefore, not only must we seek God's protection from evil, but we must also ask God to guard our thoughts and actions. We can begin to utilize his protection by filling our minds with positive thoughts and attitudes.

(Matthew 6:13) (Philippians 4:8)

*5. That God would not allow grief to follow him. (vs. 10)*

Jabez was born into sorrow/grief.

You can still have honor even though you were born in a family of sorrows.

(Isaiah 53:2-4)

Be careful not to bring what you came out of into where you're going. What you are born into, doesn't have to keep following you.

(Psalm 23:6)