PRINCIPLE #2:

You Need

Interesting Facts About Jabez

- There is no mention of Jabez having any special gift or ability.
- Jabez may have had a disability or physical challenge.
  - Jabez' name means \_\_\_\_\_\_.

PRINCIPLE #3:

You Need to Be\_\_\_\_\_\_.

## What kind of prayer does God answer?

Jabez prayed for:

- God's \_\_\_\_\_\_in his life. "Oh, that You would bless me and enlarge my territory." V. 10
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ in his life. "Let Your hand be with me." V. 10
- God's \_\_\_\_\_\_ in his life. "Keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." V. 10

#### Know this:

The more successful you are, the more critics you have, the more your enemies will attack you. The closer you grow to the Lord and the more spiritually mature you become, the more the devil will harass you. But – you can be sure, as Jabez was sure, that with God's protection you don't have to fear.





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The Prayer of Jabez

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NIV)

## THREE PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING ABOVE THE LEVEL OF MEDIOCRACY

### PRINCIPLE #1:

# You Need A Great \_\_\_\_\_

"Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory." V.10

# Three common misconceptions that keep us from having great ambitions:

- We confuse \_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- We confuse \_\_\_\_\_\_
  with \_\_\_\_\_\_

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."

Philippians 4:11 (NIV)

# Answer key

## PRINCIPLE #1:

You Need A Great AMBITION.

- We confuse <u>HUMILITY</u> with <u>FEAR</u>.
- We confuse <u>CONTENTMENT</u> with <u>LAZINESS</u>.
- We confuse <u>SMALL THINKING</u> with <u>SPIRITUALITY</u>.

## PRINCIPLE #2:

## You Need <u>A GROWING FAITH</u>.

• Jabez' name means **PAINFUL**.

# PRINCIPLE #3:

You Need to Be FAITHFUL IN PRAYER.

Jabez prayed for:

- God's <u>POWER</u> in his life.
- God's <u>PRESENCE</u> in his life.
- God's <u>PROTECTION</u> in his life.