

Introduction to the Prayer of Jabez

I. The Perspectives on the Jabez Blessing

A. The COMMON GOOD Blessing

Given to everyone freely without any REQUIREMENT

B. The CONDUCT Blessing

Given to those who meet the requirement of BEHAVIOR

C. The CONVERSION Blessing

Given to those who meet the requirement of BELIEF

D. The COMPENSATION Blessing

Given to everyone on the basis of their life, but after DEATH

E. The COMPASSION Blessing

Given on the basis of God's character to those who ASK

II. The Practical Steps for the Jabez Blessing

BESEECH God daily for His bountiful blessings.

LIST and thank God for His many blessings.

ENJOY every blessing that God richly gives you.

SHARE your blessings with others.

SEEK honor and blessings from God.

III. The Potential Results from the Jabez Blessing

A. You will OBTAIN more of God's blessings

B. Your heart will be OVERWHELMED by God's blessings

C. Your life will OVERFLOW blessings to others

Interact with Jabez

- 1 God's desire to bring joy and blessedness to every single person motivated Him in creating the earth and everything therein. Describe the two or three things in creation that bring you the most pleasure.
- 2 What was the most meaningful blessing that anyone ever gave to you outside of God and your immediate family?
- 3 Describe the best blessing you ever gave someone else. How did they respond?
- 4 Sadly, too many of us seem to be better "strivers for" blessings than "enjoyers of" those blessings. Since the Bible says that God gave us richly all things to enjoy, why do you think people often struggle to enjoy the blessings He gives us?
- 5 If you were shown all the blessings that God intended to give to you in the future if you simply asked Him, what would be your response?