Be Successful In Your Ministry 2023
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Weekly Bible Study   **Psalm 119:97**
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Study Text: 1 Chronicles 4:9,10
Study Subject: The Prayer of Jabez 2
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Open It

I.   First, the name **Jabez** mean "sorrowful, borne in pain". **Read 1 Chronicles 4:9.** Therefore, his name meant pain. God did not change his name, but He changed his future. Jabez prayed, "Lord, don't let my label be my legacy". Have you ever researched the meaning of your name? Does it in any way match who you are today? **Y__ No__ Not Sure**

II.   This prayer that brought Jabez so much was labeled a "**little prayer".** The reason for this label was because it was only **one sentence** with **four points (requests). Read 1 Chronicles 4:9,10** It is not always about the length but the quality of our prayers.

III.   God responded to Jabez's prayer (request) in a powerful way. He received what he asked for and what he received glorified God. What are you asking God to do? does it in any way glorify God? **Read James 4:3.** Jabez received it because he asked for the right reasons. What are your motives for **asking (praying)** to receive that from God?

Explore It

I.   **The Prayer of Jabez: 1 Chronicles 4:9,10**

a. Jabez was specific with his request to God. 1. Prayed wisely—verse 10, "God of Israel" 2. Prayed with conviction "Oh that thou wouldst bless me indeed". 3. Prayed with confidence "enlarge my coast" 4. He prayed for covering "That thy hand might be with me and keep me from evil". If we could sunup this prayer with two words, we could say this prayer has _____ _____. Have you ever analyzed the _____ of your

prayers? **If not, why? If yes why?.**

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b. **He prayed wisely:** Using the example Jesus gave us in **Luke 11:2,** what does it mean to open our prayers **wisely** and why? _____

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c. **In Matthew 14:30.** How did Peter open his 911 prayer? _____ Can you express the **reason** and **benefit** for him opening this prayer _____.

d. The opening of the prayer can also demonstrate my _____ with the one I am calling on. **True**____ **False**_____. Wjy does the relationship matter? _____

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