**D.** Pray For Godliness (v 10e)

"I Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, 2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith." II Thessalonians 3:1-2

"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:41

Prayer Tip #2: Have a prayer list.

## III. THE DESCRIPTION OF JABEZ' PRAYER (v 10f-g)

A. Jabez prayed emotionally. (v. 10f)

"...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

James 5:16b

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit," Jude 20

**B.** Jabez prayed effectually. (v 10g)

Why? Jabez was an honorable man. (v 9)

"I Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear." Isaiah 59:1-2

**Prayer Tip #3:** Recognize the most important thing in prayer is not the position of your body, but the condition of your heart.

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#### INTRODUCTION

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Three levels of living:

- Live for survival.
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**C. TEXT**: I Chronicles 4:10 (Pew Bible/Pg. 394/Old Test.)

#### Who Was Jabez?

- 1. He was a man of honor (v 9a)
- 2. He was a man of sorrow (v 9b)
- 3. He was a man of prayer (v 10a)

#### THE POWER OF PRAYER

## I. THE SOURCE OF JABEZ' PRAYER

He prayed to the God of Israel.

"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?" Jeremiah 32:27

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3

**Prayer Tip #1:** Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.

## II. THE CONTENT OF JABEZ' PRAYER (v 10b-e)

- Praise and thanksgiving.
- **R**epent of sin.
- Ask God to meet your needs and the needs of others.
- **Y**ield to the will of God.
- **A.** Pray For God's Blessing (v 10b)

"And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" Genesis 32:26

- "I Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper." Psalm 1:1-3

## **B.** Pray For Growth (v 10c)

"20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work." II Timothy 2:20-21

"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18

## C. Pray For Guidance (v 10d)

"5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

- "5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
- 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
- 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;" James 1:5-7