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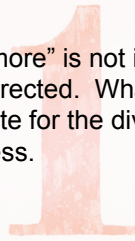
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Matthew 6:19-20

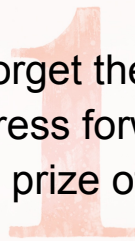
Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[e] destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The desire for “more” is not inherently bad, but it often misdirected. What we need is a relentless appetite for the divine. We need a holy ravenousness.

- Jason Todd



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1 Chronicles 4:9-10

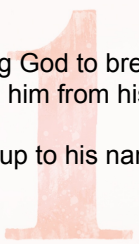
Jabez was more honorable than his brothers; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!" And God granted what he asked.

1. First nine chapters of Chronicles is the genealogy of Israel
2. Purpose to document the ascendancy of Judah and the line of King David
3. Jabez is singled out in the genealogy of Judah
4. Jabez was more honorable (righteous) than his brothers

5. Jabez (*yabez*) and the term for pain (*ozeb*) have the last three letters switched
6. 2nd time that the Lord's intervention is mentioned in the genealogy.

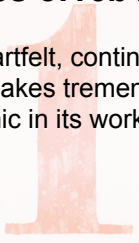
Jabez was asking God to break the limitations set on him from his past.

Jabez didn't live up to his name, he overcame it!



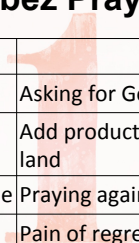
James 5:16b AMP

The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].



Jabez Prayer

Bless me	Asking for God's grace
Enlarge my border	Add productive inheritable land
Your hand be with me	Praying against striving
Keep me from harm	Pain of regret, not reaching call

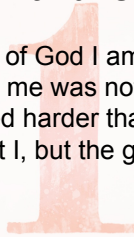


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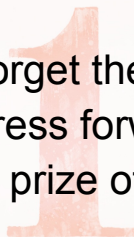


1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

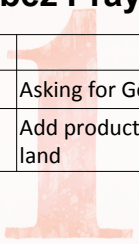


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3. We pursue joy not happiness.

Joy is distinctly a Christian word and a Christian thing. It is the reverse of happiness. Happiness is the result of what happens of an agreeable sort. Joy has its springs deep down inside, and that spring never runs dry, no matter what happens. Only Jesus gives that joy. He had joy, singing its music within, even under the shadow of the cross.

- SD Gordon

No one can get Joy by merely asking for it. It is one of the ripest fruits of the Christian life, and, like all fruits, must be grown.

- Henry Drummond

Othniel

Rabbinical sages and Commentary on the Bible, by Adam Clarke, [1831] believe that Jabez is Othniel, the first Judge in Israel.

Othniel means "**God is my strength**" or "**God has helped me**"

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