

TALK IT OVER

Pray First

BOTTOM LINE

Prayer and commitment always precede an awakening.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is one thing you do that you know you do very well? How will you use it in 2025?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [The Story of Jabez](#) (23 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. John 10:10 NIV

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers ... 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

[God] is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20 NIV

"The 10X Rule essentially revolves around what is considered the Principle of Massive Action – the concept that any time you put an exceedingly great amount of effort into anything you do, you're guaranteed to achieve exceedingly great results. Your accountability and personal cooperation with God have far more to do with where you are with God than your circumstances. 10X means to accelerate and think bigger. But it's not about achieving more. It's about becoming more – the best version of you; the person God created you to be." – Dwight Mason

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Did you know of Jabez before today? If so, why, and how? Some people feel it is arrogant to ask for God to enlarge and bless you in this way. What do you think? Dwight said the prayer was answered because it was a worthy request. How would you recognize a worthy request? The author says that Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. Why do you think he included that statement? Do you think his prayer was prompted OR answered because he was honorable? Discuss. Though Jabez was very ordinary, his awakening led him to have great ambition. Ambition is seen as both good and bad. What makes the difference? Jabez understood that the blessing of God was more significant than his circumstances or capabilities. It caused his faith to grow. What are you currently doing to stretch and grow your faith? How does praying increase your faith? What is entailed in a growing a vital prayer life? Jabez prayed for God's presence, power, and protection in his life. Do you believe one is more important than another? How do these currently figure in your prayer life? Prayer is first but followed by commitment. Why? How?

ACTION STEP

I will commit myself to growing through consistent prayer and faithful commitment and allow God to awaken me.