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- Realizing your need for God
- Experiencing sorrow for your sin
- Being content
- Having a strong desire for righteousness and justice
- Showing mercy
- Having integrity
- Being a peacemaker
- Being persecuted for your relationship with Christ

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1. God's Word is a revelation of his person.

1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (NKJV)

9 Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

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“The kind of assignments God gives are always beyond what people can do because he wants to demonstrate his nature, his strength, his provision, and his kindness to his people and to a watching world.” Henry Blackaby

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Isaiah 54:2-3 (NIV)

2 "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. 3 For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

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2. Jabez prayed for God's hand of blessing to be on him.

Joshua 4:23-24 (NIV)

23 For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. 24 He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God."

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Acts 4:29-31 (NIV)

29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

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Hebrews 12:5b-7 (NIV)

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." 7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?

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Psalms 133:1-3 (MSG)

1 How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along! 2 It's like costly anointing oil flowing down head and beard, Flowing down Aaron's beard, flowing down the collar of his priestly robes. 3 It's like the dew on Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion. Yes, that's where GOD commands the blessing, ordains eternal life.

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3. Jabez prayed for God's Blessing and protection.

1 Chron 4:10 (NIV)

10 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.

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3. Jabez prayed for God's Blessing and protection.

Matt 6:13 (NIV)

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. '

Matt 6:13 (NLT)

3 And don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Matt 6:13 (MSG)

13 Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

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2 Cor 10:3-5 (NIV)

3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.