September 12 Answers

Part 2 of the genealogical records of Israel. Among the descendants of Judah, one individual stands out: Jabez (1 Chr 4:9–10). Jabez recognized this truth: "<u>Commit</u> your work to the LORD, and your plans will be <u>established</u>" (Prov 16:3). His prayer reminds us that the key to personal success is to make <u>God</u> the center of our lives. It also shows us how important it is to stay close to God and rely on His <u>daily</u> grace and provision (Matt 6:11–13). We cannot make it on our own—we have to have God's help each and every day. If we will <u>trust</u> God with all our heart and <u>know</u> Him in all our ways, He will make our paths <u>straight</u>! (cf. Prov 3:5–6).