

*[Follow up question] ...I didn't mean money. I meant goals.*

Be it money or goals what matters is—are you on God's straight and narrow path? Ps 66:18, 119:105, Is 59:2, Jas 5:14. God may allow his people to be blessed monetarily (1 Jn 3:22). He answers prayer as he sees fit and for his purposes (Mt 6:8). He works all things together for good for those who love him (Ro 8:28).

God may answer one's prayer with: yes, no or in another way he himself would have asked had he known all of the facts in a given situation. Man is not omniscient; so, he may not fully understand how God has blessed him throughout his life until he is with the Lord (Ps 77:19, Jas 1:5-18). Until then the believer can be thankful (1 Thess 5:18) for what God is doing in his life (Ps 116:17, Lk 17:11-19, 1 Thess 5:17-18) as he presses on (Php 3:14).

Do your goals line up with God's goals? Are you walking uprightly before him? Ps 84:11, 1 Pe 1:15. God is interested in one's *love* abounding more and more (Php 1:9-13).

God is able to bless an individual (Ps 118:25, Mt 7:11, Lk 1:37, Eph 3:20, Php 4:19) when he thinks rightly about him (Ps 78:41, Jn 9:31). He is not to be mistaken for a butler in the sky there to fulfill one's every whim (1 Co 2:14)]. The best way to ensure God's blessing is to remain in him (Ps 18:21, Jer 29:12-14, Jn 15:4, 15, Jas 4:8) holding fast to his word of life (Ps 119:133, Phil 2:16).