Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; **then** your barns will be <u>filled</u> to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Giving God your best, positions you to receive His best

Luke 6:38 NIV

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with <u>the measure you use, it will be measured to you</u>.

Malachi 3:8-11 CEV

You people are robbing me, your God. And, here you are, asking, "How are we robbing you?" You are robbing me of the offerings and of the ten percent that <u>belongs to me</u>. That's why your whole nation is under a curse. I am the Lord All-Powerful, and I challenge you to put me to the test. Bring the entire ten percent into the storehouse, so there will be food in my house. Then I will open the windows of heaven and <u>flood you with blessing</u> after blessing. I will also <u>stop locusts from</u> <u>destroying</u> your crops and keeping your vineyards from producing.

3 reasons we don't give God our best

We believe <u>it's ours</u>

Psalm 24:1-2 NLT

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas and built it on the ocean depths.

We're afraid of running short

Philippians 4:19 NIV

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

We think we're safe

1 Timothy 6:17 CEB

Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment.