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 fastings; ®in pureness, in know- in fastings ; ° by pureness,   
 ledge, in long-suffering, in kindness, by knowledge, by long-   
 in the Holy Ghost, in love unfeigned, suffering, by kindness, by   
 Thin the word of truth, in ‘the the Holy Ghost, by love   
 unfeigned, 7 by the word   
 of truth, by the power of   
 power of God, through the \* wea- God, by the armour of   
 pons of righteousness on the right righteousness on the right   
 hand and on the left, 8 through hand and on the left, ® by   
 glory and dishonour, through evil honour and dishonour, by   
 yeport and good report: as de- evil report and good re-   
 eeivers, and true; %as unknown, port: as deceivers, and yet   
 true; 9% unknown, and   
   
   
 and here, signifies ‘labour in the Lord,’   
 for His sake. So also the verb ‘to labour,’ apparently on account of the weapons:   
 Rom. xvi. 6, 12 (twice), Chrysostom and the word armour, in our present accept-   
 others interpret it of his manual work, ance of it, means only the defensive casiug:   
 1 Cor. iv. 12; but sce ch. xi, 23, where of the body, whereas this includes all the   
 this can hardly be; it is most probable weapons, of offence and defenee. “They are   
 that the weariness of his excessive apos- the weapons of, i.e. marking them more   
 tolic labour was in his mind, distinetly as instruments,—and then con-   
 watchings] Chrysostom says, “ During tinued) the weapons of righteousness   
 the nights in which he taught, or perhaps. (belonging to,—or furnished by,—the   
 eyen wrought with his hands also.” But. righteousness which is of faith. That   
 I would rather believe the watchings to panoply, part of which only in the more   
 have been watchings through anxiety for particular specification of Eph. vi. 13—   
 the churches. in fastings] This is 17, viz. the breastplate, is allotted to   
 generally taken to refer to involuntary righteousness,—is here ail assigned to it.—   
 hunger and thirst. But the word does Some of the ancient Commentators under-   
 not appear to be ever so used ; in ch, xi. stand by the word, ‘instruments,’ as in   
 27,Paul himself distinguishes “in Rom. vi. 13, and interpret these instra-   
 from “in hunger and thirst.’ The striet ments to be, situations and opportunities   
 incaning of fastings must therefore be re- of life, whether prosperous, on the right-   
 tained. 6.] The nine preceding substan- hand, or adverse, on left: but the other   
 tives (sce on ver. have expanded the word interpretation is in better with   
 patience. We now resume the main cata- the Apostle’s habit of comparison,—see   
 logue, with in pureness, which is variously eh. x. 4; Eph. vi. 13 ff; 1 Thess. v. 8).   
 explained : of bodily chastity -—of un- which are on the right and left:   
 selfishness:—1 prefer to understand it to i. e. and guarding the whole   
 mean general purity of character,—un- person. Most recent Commentators ex-   
 blameableness of life, and singlencss of plain it, right-handed,—i.e. of attack,   
 purpose, in knowledge] of the Gospel, the sword and spear,—and left-handed,—   
 in a high and singular degree ; see 1 ii, i.e. of defence, shicld: but the original   
 6 i in kindness] a kind and con- seems to require the other interpretation.   
 siderate demeanour. in the Hely On the interpretation prosperity and ad-   
 Ghost] as the Power by Whom all these versity, see abs 8.] Perhaps the   
 motives are wrought. 7. in the word instrumental signification of through need   
 of truth] is taken by some as subjective, not be strietly retained. The preposition,   
 —‘in speaking, or teaching truth’—‘iz once adopted, is kept for the sake of.   
 discourse, the contents whereof were truth? parallelism, though with various shades of   
 the other (objective) sense is better, the meaning. Here it points out the medium   
 word of the truth, viz. Gospel which through which. Thus understood, these   
 we labour. in the power of God] viz. two pairs in ver. 8 will form an easy   
 the Power spoken of ch. iv. 7,—the power transition from instrumental, through me-   
 manifested in every part of onr apostolic dial, to the passive characteristics which   
 working,—not merely in miracles. follow. as deccivers] From speaking   
 through (in is changed for through, first of repute, he passes to the character of   
 the repute.—In all these capacities and