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 may be ready: \* lest haply, if any 4lest haply if they of   
 Macedonians come with me, and find Macedonia come with me,   
 you unprepared, we (not to say, ye) and find you unprepared,   
 should be put to shame in this same we (that we say not, ye)   
 confidence +. 5I thought it neces- should be ashamed in this   
 + of boasting sary, therefore, to exhort the bre- same confident boasting.   
 is thren, that they should go before 5 Therefore I thought it   
 by our unto you, and make up beforehand necessary to exhort the   
 cipal your promised ‘blessing, that it may brethren, that they would   
 ancient be ready, as matter of blessing, and go before unto you, and   
 not as matter of covetousness. ° But make up beforehand your   
 £Gen. xxxili. this, § He which soweth bounty, whereof ye had   
 1. 1am. ‘sparingly shall reap also sparingly ; notice before, that same   
 ings and he which soweth with bless- might be ready, as a matter   
 tad ings shall reap also with blessings. of bounty, and not as of   
 7 Bach man according as he pur- covetousness. © But this I   
 say, dle which soweth   
 sparingly shall reap also   
 sparingly; and he which   
 soweth bountifully shall   
 reap also according as   
 h Deut. 7. poseth in his heart; not grudg- he purposeth in his heart,   
   
   
 I said refers merely to their being ready, 6, 7.] He enforces the last words by an   
 as he had boasted they were), ye may b assurance grounded in Scripture and   
 prepared (see above on ver. 2): 4, partly cited from it, as we sow, so   
 lest perchance if Macedonians should come we reap. this] Some supply ‘J say,’ as   
 with me (to you: to bring me on my way, 1 Cor. vii. 29. But I would rather take it   
 or to bear the Macedonian collection. We as an imperfect construction, in which this   
 may infer from this expression, neither is used merely to point at the sentiment   
 of the two brethren above mentioned, ch. which is about to follow:—But this—(is   
 viii. 22, was a Macedonian), and should trne), or But (notice) this... . with   
 find you unprepared (with your collection, blessings] This refers to the spirit of   
 see ver. 2), (who have boasted), not to giver, who must be ‘a cheerful giver,’   
 say, ye (who were hoasted of), should be giving murmuringly, but with blessings,   
 put to shame in [the matter of} this con- with a beneficent charitable spirit: such   
 fidence (respecting you). 5.} I there- an one shall reap also with blessings,   
 fore (because of ver. 4) thought it neces- dant and unspeakable. The only change   
 sary to exhort the brethren (‘Titus and of meaning in the second use of the ex-   
 the two others), that they should go be- pression is that the blessings poured on   
 fore (my coming) unto you, and pre- him, whereas in the first they proceeded   
 viously prepare your long announced JSrom him: in both cases they are the ele-   
 beneficence (i. e. announced by me to ment in which he works. So, we bestow   
 the Macedonians, ver. 2. beneficence, the seed, but receive the harvest. The   
 literally, ; not used only of bless- spirit with which we sow, is of ourselves:   
 ing in words, but of one expressed by a that with which we reap, depends on the   
 sent, as Gen. xxxiii. Jndg.i.15. This harvest. So that the change of meaning is   
 sense of blessing, with the primi- not arbitrary, but dependent on the nature   
 tive sense, affords Apostle an opportu- of things. 7.] A continuation of the   
 nity for bringing out the true spirit in same thought :—“sparingly,” and “with   
 which Christian gifts be given), that blessings,” referred to the spirit of the   
 this same may be ready in such sort as giver; so does this verse— grudgingly cor-   
 beneficence, and not as covetousness (i.e. responding to “ sparingly,” cheerful to   
 as the fruit of blessing, out from a “with blessings.” as he purposeth in   
 beneficent mind, not of a sparing covetous his heart; supply, ‘so let him give?’ i.e.   
 spirit which gives no more than it need). Ict the full consent of the free go with