2 Corinthians 9:1-5

Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints,
2 for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia,
saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of
them. **3** But I am sending[1] the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove
empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. **4** Otherwise, if
some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be
humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident. **5** So I thought it necessary
to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you
have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.