

GOSPEL GLASSES

1st Corinthians

When I was a child,
I SPOKE LIKE A CHILD,
I THOUGHT LIKE A CHILD,
I REASONED LIKE A CHILD.
WHEN I BECAME A MAN,
I GAVE UP CHILDISH WAYS.

FOR NOW WE SEE IN A MIRROR DIMLY,
BUT THEN FACE TO FACE.

Now I know in part;

THEN I SHALL KNOW FULLY,
EVEN AS I HAVE BEEN
FULLY KNOWN.



1 CORINTHIANS 13:11-12





1 CORINTHIANS 9:23

23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So (you) run that you may obtain it.



1 CORINTHIANS 9:25

25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.



“The strenuous self-denial of the athlete as he sought a fleeting reward is a rebuke to half-hearted, flabby Christian service. The athlete denies himself many lawful pleasures and the Christian must similarly avoid not only definite sin, but anything that hinders spiritual progress.”

Leon Morris

How many of us go to great expense to pursue what amounts to wilted celery?

What does our pursuit communicate about the Gospel to those we influence?

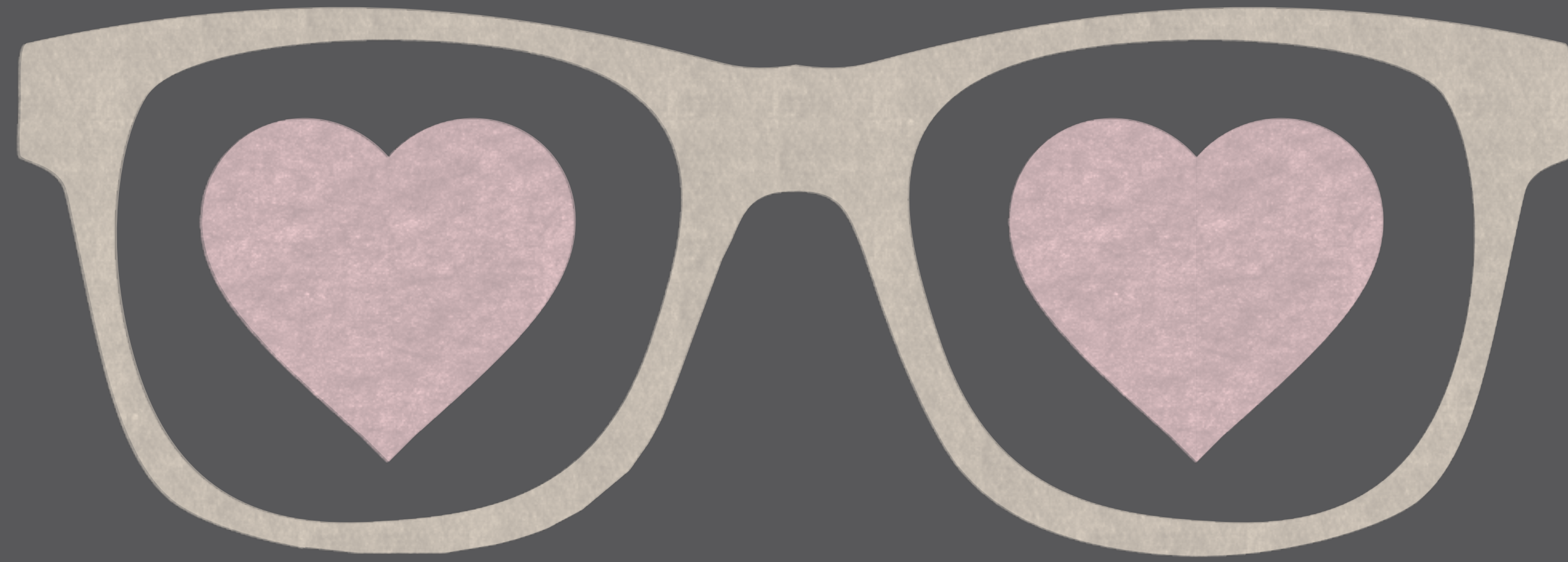
How many of us spend great effort towards things that keep us preoccupied from the greater prize of the blessing of the Gospel?

1 CORINTHIANS 9:26

26 So I do not run aimlessly.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:26–27

26 So I do not run aimlessly. I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.



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