I. CORINTHIANS. IX. 23—27.   
   
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 , things to all men, "that I may hy} means save some. 23 And   
 t So all all means save some. 23 And fall} this I do for the gospel's   
 most things I do for the gospel’s sake, sake, that Imight be par-   
 MSS. that I may become a partaker thereof taker thereof with you.   
 24 Know ye not that 24 Know ye not that they   
 with [them]. run in a race run all, which run in @ race run   
 but one receiveth the prize? all, but one receiveth the   
 . run ye, that ye may obtain. prize? So run, that ye   
 every man that ?contendeth in °So may obtain. 5 And every   
 “games is temperate in all things. man that striveth for the   
 Now they do it to obtain a cor- mastery is temperate in all   
 ruptible crown; but we an in- things. Now they do it   
 to obtain a corruptible   
 crown; but we an in-   
   
 &y.4, Rev. 10. iii.   
   
 seension, but recapitulates the preceding shadow of the huge Corinthian citadel”   
 two classes. 22. to all men... J (Stanley) ; but this must not be pressed   
 This sums up the above, and others not . an element in athletic contests, for any   
 enumerated, in one geucral rule,—and the aceurate knowledge of its predominance in   
 various occasions of his practising con- some and its insignificance in others the   
 deseension in one general result.—To all Grecian games to be here supposed. Still   
 men I am become all things (i. e. each Jess must it be imagined that those games   
 according to his situation and prejudices), were to be celebrated in the year of the   
 that by all means (or perhaps in all ways : Epistle being written. The most that ean   
 but I prefer the other) I may save some with certainty be said, that he alludes to   
 (emphatic :—some out of each class in the a contest which, from the neighbourhood   
 “all men.” It is said, as is following of the Isthmian games, was well known to   
 verse, in extreme humility, and distrust of his readers. See Stanley’s note: who, in   
 even an Apostle’s confidence, to shew them following out illustrations of this kind,   
 the immense importance of the reward tor writes with a vivid graphic power peculiarly   
 which he thus denied and submitted him- his own. Thus (after this manner—   
 self). 23.] But (as much as to say, viz. as they who run all, endeavouring   
 ‘not only this of which I have spoken, but to be the one who shall receive the prize:   
 all’) all things I do on aceount of the not as the one who receives it—for the   
 gospel, that I may be a fellow-partaker others strive as earnestly as he) run (no   
 (with others) of it (of the blessings pro- contrast is intended between the studiun,   
 mised in the gospel to be brought by the where one only can receive the prize, and.   
 Lord at his coming). 24 t¥.] ‘This is the Christian race, where alJ may. Such a   
 qay aim in all Ido: but inasmuch as many coutrast would destroy the sense), in order   
 run in a race, reach the goal, but one that ye may [fully] obtain (the prize of   
 only receives the prize,—I as an Apostle your calling, see Phil. iii. 25.)   
 run my course, and you must so run yours, There is one point in the comparison yet   
 as each to labour not to be rejected at last, included in the so, the conduct of the   
 but to gain the glorious and incorruptible athletes in regard of temperance, which   
 prize’ This, as compared with the former he wishes to bring into especial promi-   
 context, seems to be the sense and con- nence for their imitation :—as concerning   
 nexion of the passage. He was anxious, the matter in hand,—/is own abstinence   
 as an Apostle, to labour more abundantly, from receiving this world's pelf, in order   
 more effectually than they all: and hence to save himself and them that heard him.   
 his condescension to all men, and self- —The emphasis is on every man, thus   
 denial: accompanied with which was a shewing the so above to refer to all who   
 humble self-distrust as to great matter run. contendeth is more general than   
 itself of his salvation, and an eager “runneth :” as much as to say, ‘ one   
 anxiety to secure it. These he proposes who engages, not ouly in the race, but in   
 for their example likewise. 24.) The any athletic contest,’ and thus strengthen-   
 allusion is primarily no doubt to the ing the inference. The garlands with   
 Isthmian games, celebrated “under the