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Your role as a SON (or daughter) in the faith (I John 3:1-3) – growing in His love & in purity

Be strong in His grace (Titus 2:11-14) – it teaches us to say 'No' – it gives us hope

Be a reproducer (Matthew 28:18-20) – *making disciples who will make disciples*Investing in what you have heard and/or been taught (II Thessalonians 3:15)
Introducing reliable and qualified men to these truths (Acts 4:13) *wise investing*Inviting them to invest in others (I Corinthians 11:1-2) – *example & teaching*

Your role as a SOLDIER (Ephesians 6:10-18) – properly dressed and equipped

Enduring hardship (I Peter 4:12-16) – not expecting warfare to be easy

Earthly affairs forsaken (Galatians 6:14/I John 2:15-17/James 4:4-6)

Focused on the goal, not getting distracted or seduced

Eager to please your Commander (Ephesians 5:8-10)

You certainly do not want to displease Him

Your role as an ATHLETE – reaching the goal – without being disqualified

Seeking the victor's crown (I Corinthians 9:24-27/Hebrews 12:1-3)

Running to win – the right course – eyes on the goal

Sticking with the rules – God's way not mine (Deuteronomy 12:29-32/I Chronicles 15:13)

Not inventing new ways to do His work, but doing His work His way

Your role as a FARMER – hard work and patience are required

Hard working (Proverbs 14:13/Galatians 6:9-10) – diligent hand that do not give up

Hoping for a share in the harvest (Luke 10:1-2/I Thessalonians 2:19)

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What are the expectations of a good soldier of the faith? How does involvement in worldly affairs hinder that role?

(Ephesians 6:10-18) – having the right equipment, putting on the armor of God
(John 6:38 / Matthew 6:33) – reporting for duty, seeking His direction and guidance
(II Timothy 3:16-18 / II Peter 1:3-4) – being effectively trained for the job
(Romans 12:2 / I John 2:15-17) – not getting sidetracked by involvement in worldly matters
(Ephesians 5:10) – wanting to please my Commanding Officer

What aspects of athletic training relate to our lives as Christians?
(I Timothy 4:7 / II Timothy 3:16) – disciplined for righteousness and godliness
(James 1:12 / I Corinthians 9:24-27 / I Thessalonians 2:19) – seeking a crown that will last
(Hebrews 12:1-2 / I Peter 1:13 / Proverbs 4:27) – running the right coarse with eyes fixed on the goal – not turning aside to the right or to the left

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(Jeremiah 4:3 / Hosea 10:12) – breaking up the unplowed ground (condition of my heart?)

(Matthew 13:18-23 / I Corinthians 3:6-8) planting the seed (the gospel & His Word)

(Isaiah 44:3) – pouring out water (the necessity of His Spirit to give life and growth)

(Hebrews 12:1 / Ephesians 4:31-32) – weeding out the things that hinder progress

(Psalm 27:13 / James 5:7-11) – learning to patiently wait, trusting in the Lord's timing

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