



DIGGING IN

Protecting a Spiritual Treasure

Instruction	Practical Action

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Did You Hear the One about the Soldier, the Athlete, and the Farmer?

How does your life compare with Paul’s three analogies? Check the responses that best describe you.

Based on your relationship with Jesus and the gospel right now, what kind of soldier are you?

- Haven’t enlisted yet.
- Still in boot camp.
- Out of shape; flunking basic training.
- Working on Navy SEALs or Green Beret status.

What kind of spiritual athlete are you?

- A couch potato.
- I’m in the game, but I don’t play by the rules.
- I work out occasionally.
- Going for Olympic gold.

If you were the farmer that Paul described, what would your crops look like?

- I haven’t planted a seed yet.
- I’m seeing a little fruit.
- I’ve planted, but my crop is full of weeds.
- I’m expecting a harvest.

CROSS-CHECKING

JESUS WEIGHS IN

Luke 6:47-49

John 14:21