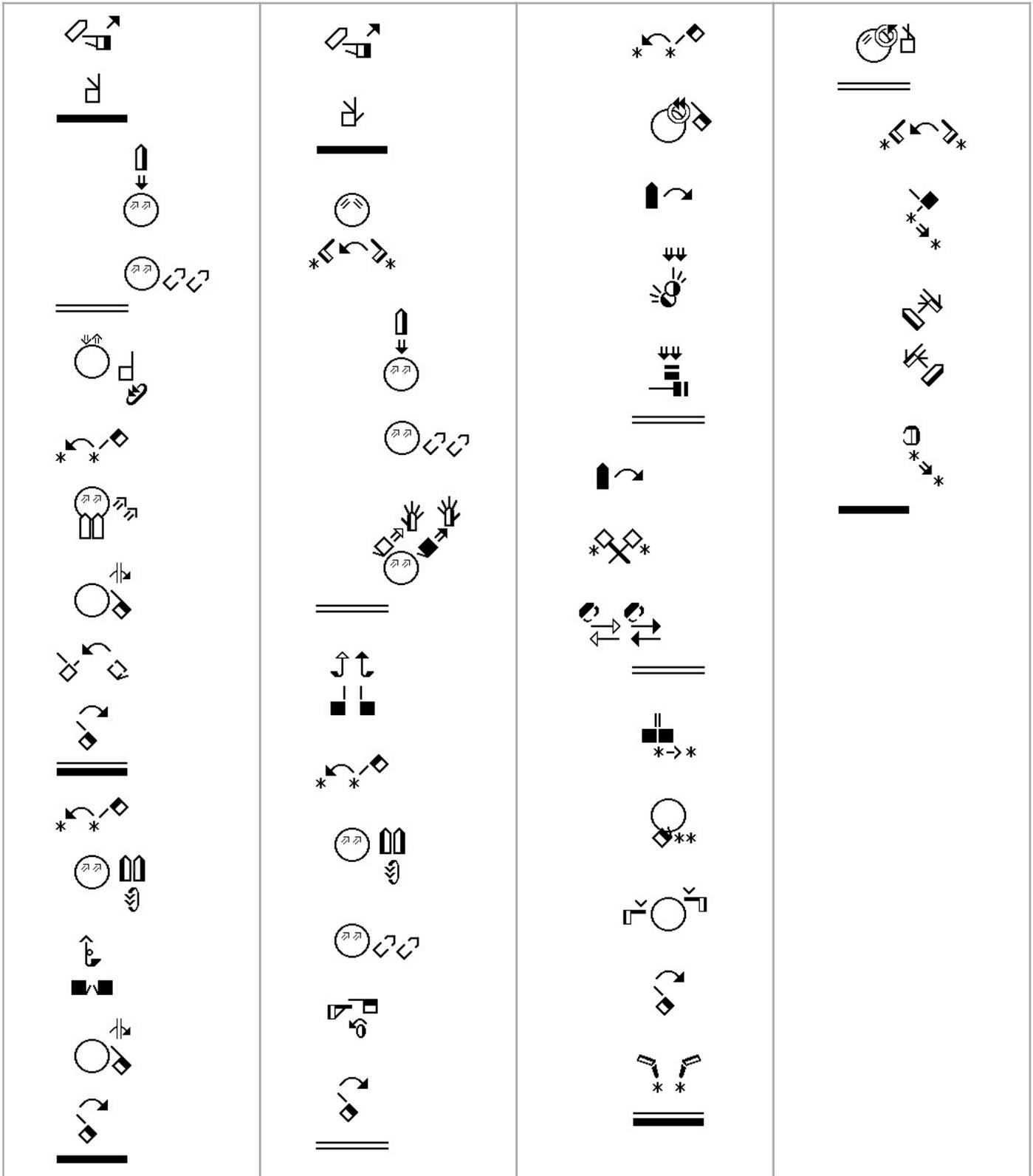


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Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, Silas, and Timothy. We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May God give you grace and peace.

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Verse 2. We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. Verse 3. As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ. NLT

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And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you. Verse 6. So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. NLT

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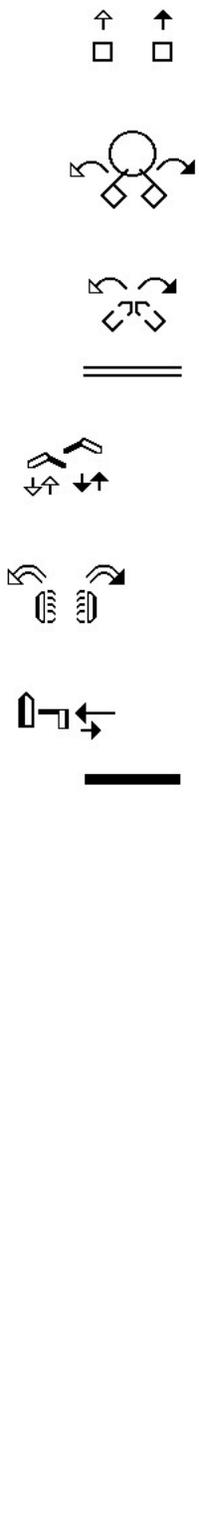
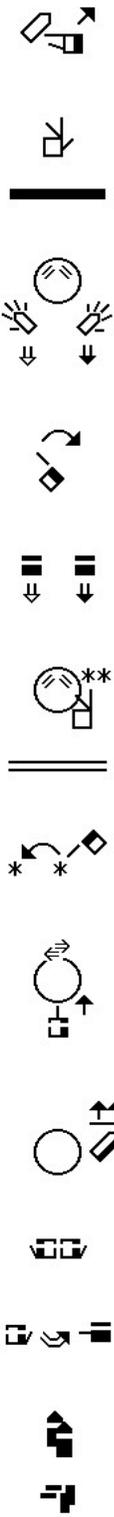
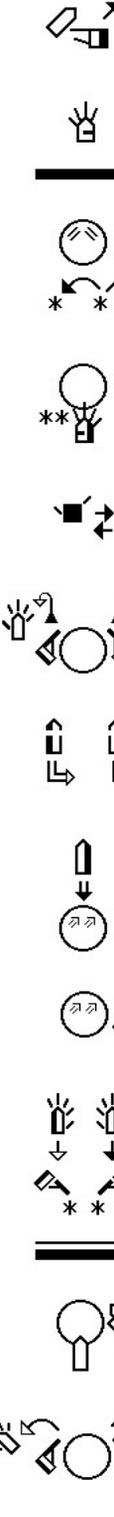
for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it, Verse 9. for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God. NLT

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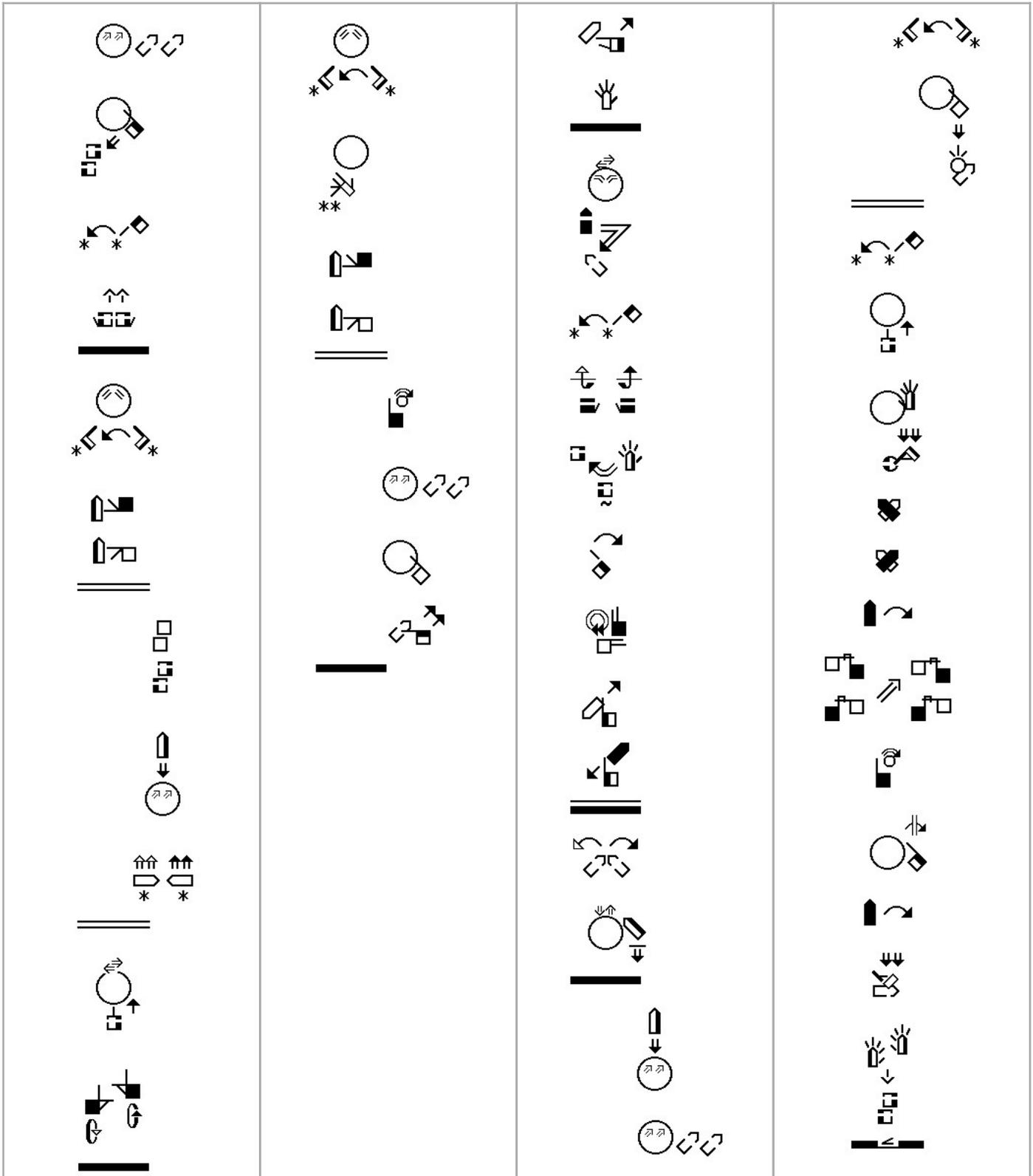
Verse 10. And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven -- Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment. NLT

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Chapter 2. You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. Verse 2. You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News
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to you boldly, in spite of great opposition. Verse 3. So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery. Verse 4. For we speak as messengers approved by God
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to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. Verse 5. Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money!
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were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. Verse 8. We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too. Verse 9. Don't you remember, dear brothers and sisters, how hard we worked among you?
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15 you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God -- which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe. Verse 14. And then, dear brothers and sisters, you suffered persecution from your NLT

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own countrymen. In this way, you imitated the believers in God's churches in Judea who, because of their belief in Christ Jesus, suffered from their own people, the Jews. Verse 15. For some of the Jews killed the prophets,

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17 and some even killed the Lord Jesus. Now they have persecuted us, too. They fail to please God and work against all humanity Verse 16. as they try to keep us from preaching the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles. By doing this, they continue to pile up their sins. NLT

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But the anger of God has caught up with them at last. Verse 17. Dear brothers and sisters, after we were separated from you for a little while (though our hearts never left you), we tried very hard to come back because of our intense longing to see you again. Verse 18. We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, NLT

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19 but Satan prevented us. Verse 19. After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you! Verse 20. Yes, you are our pride and joy. NLT

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Chapter 3. Finally, when we could stand it no longer, we decided to stay alone in Athens, Verse 2. and we sent Timothy to visit you. He is our brother and God's co-worker in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. We sent him to strengthen you, to encourage you in your faith,

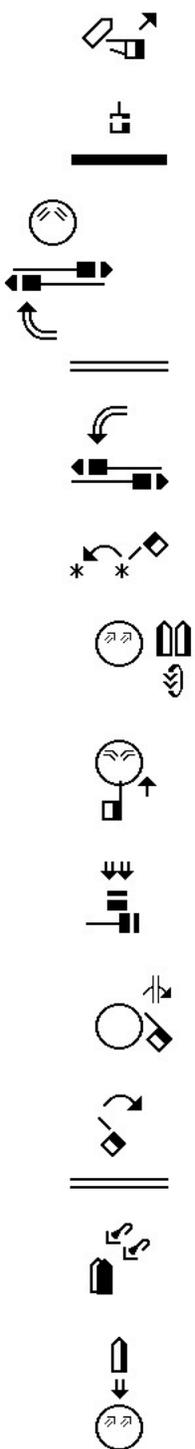
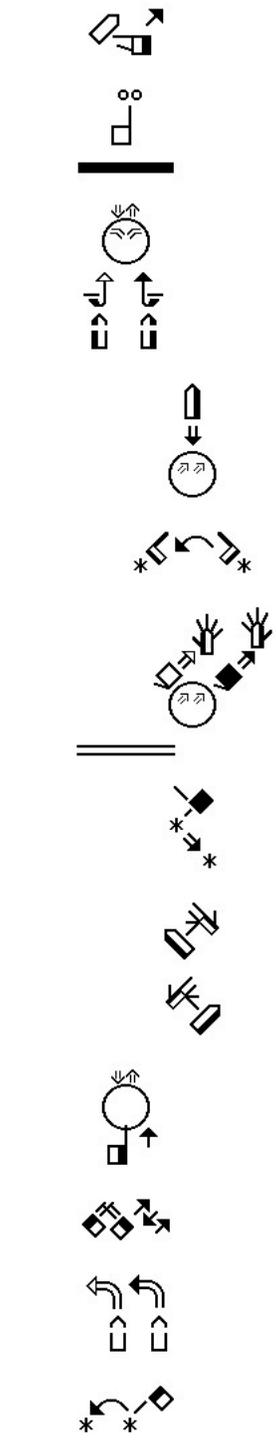
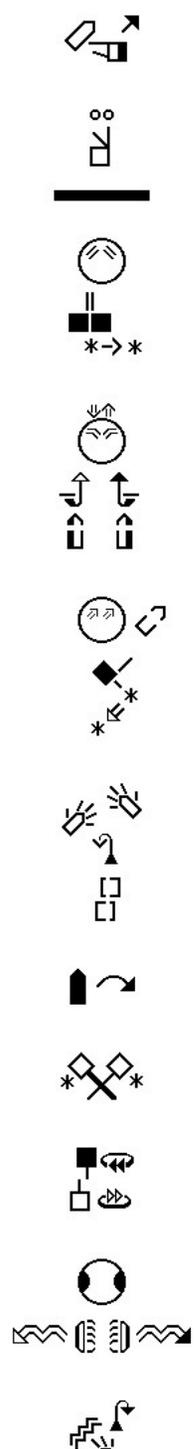
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Verse 5. That is why, when I could bear it no longer, I sent Timothy to find out whether your faith was still strong. I was afraid that the tempter had gotten the best of you and that our work had been useless. Verse 6. But now Timothy has just returned, bringing us good
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and suffering, dear brothers and sisters, because you have remained strong in your faith. Verse 8. It gives us new life to know that you are standing firm in the Lord. Verse 9. How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence. NLT

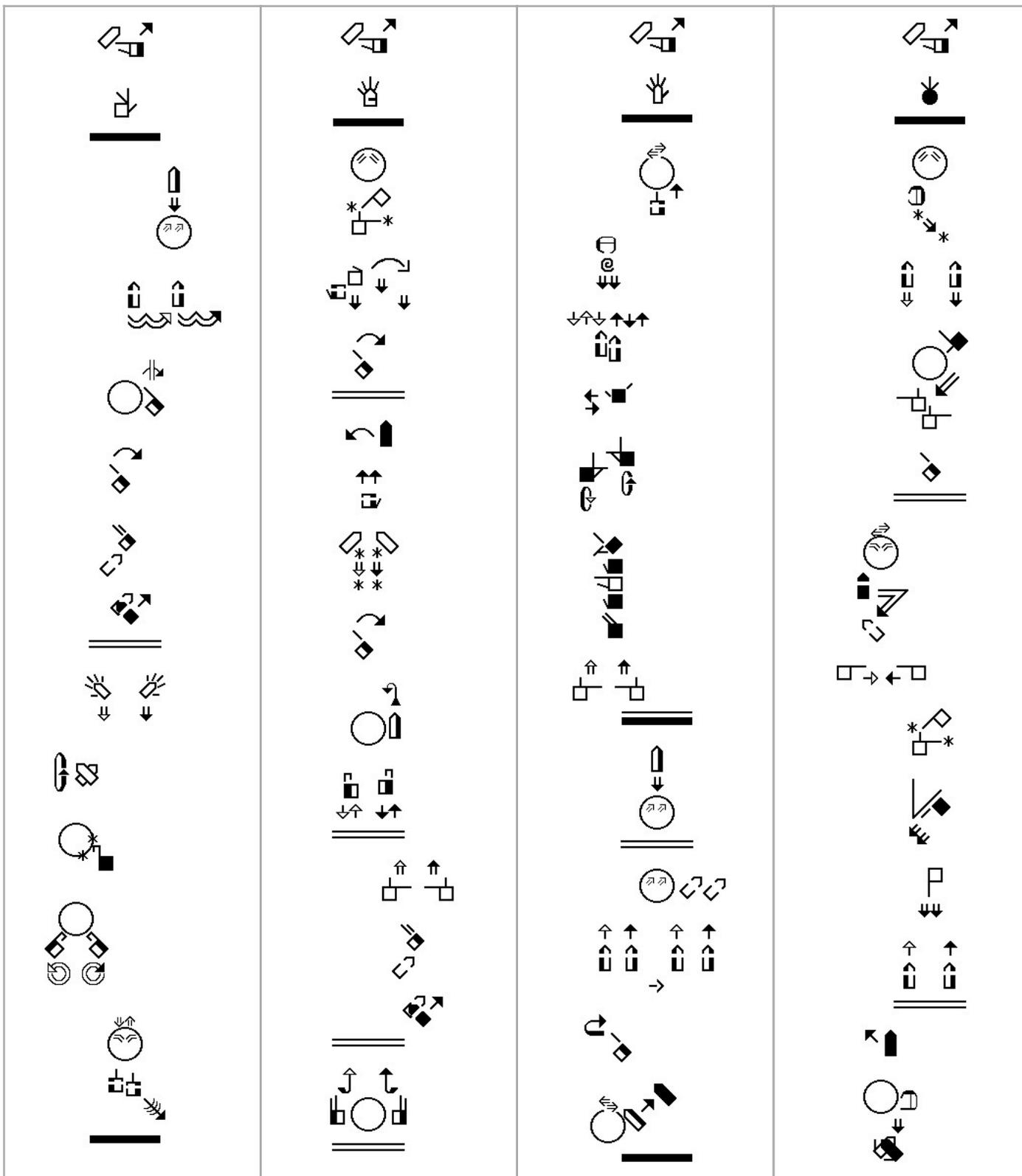
			
<p>25</p>	<p>Verse 10. Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith. Verse 11. May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon. Verse 12. And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, NLT</p>		

<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs. It starts with a hand sign for 'just' (two fingers up, palm facing left), followed by 'as' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'our' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'love' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'for' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'you' (hand flat, palm facing left), and 'overflows' (hand flat, palm facing left). There are also some decorative lines and symbols.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs. It starts with 'Verse 13' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'May' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'he' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'as' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'a result' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'make' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'your hearts' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'strong' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'blameless' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'and' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'holy' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'as you stand' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'before God our Father' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'when our Lord Jesus' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'comes again' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'with all his holy people' (hand flat, palm facing left), and 'Amen' (hand flat, palm facing left).</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs. It starts with 'N' (hand flat, palm facing left), 'L' (hand flat, palm facing left), and 'T' (hand flat, palm facing left).</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs. It starts with '2' (hand flat, palm facing left) and '6' (hand flat, palm facing left).</p>
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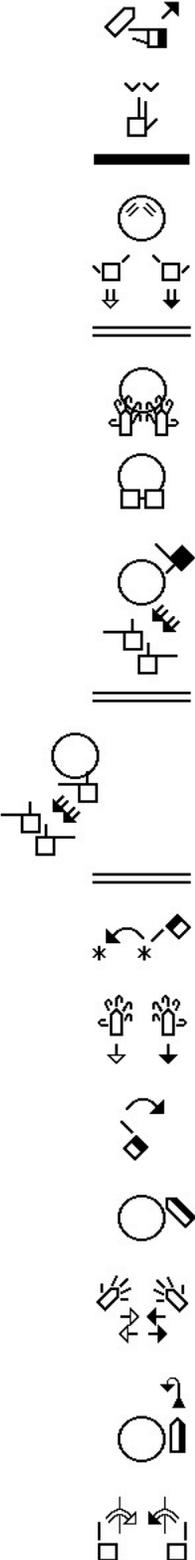
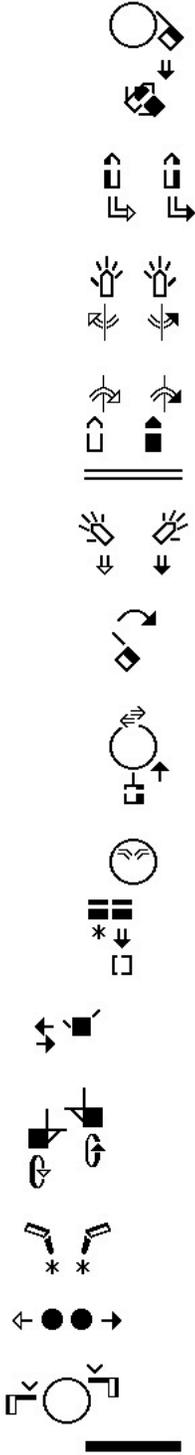
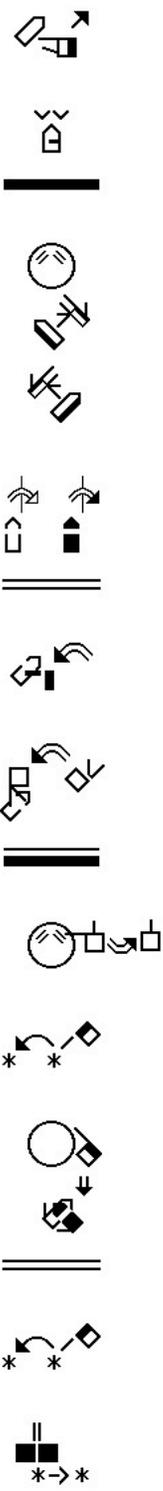
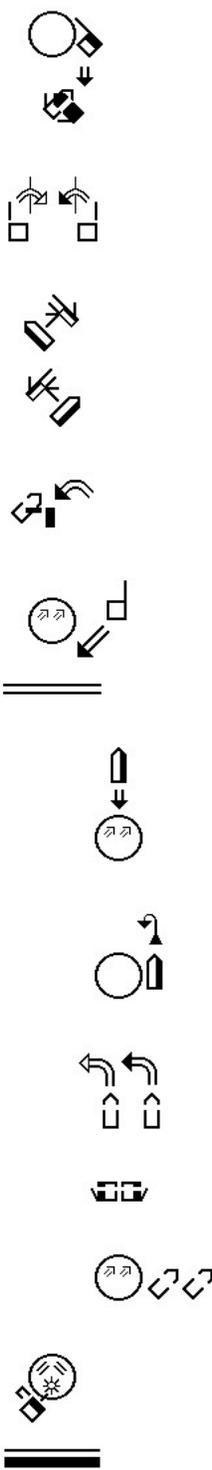
just as our love for you overflows. Verse 13. May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen. NLT

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Chapter 4. Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. Verse 2. For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. NLT

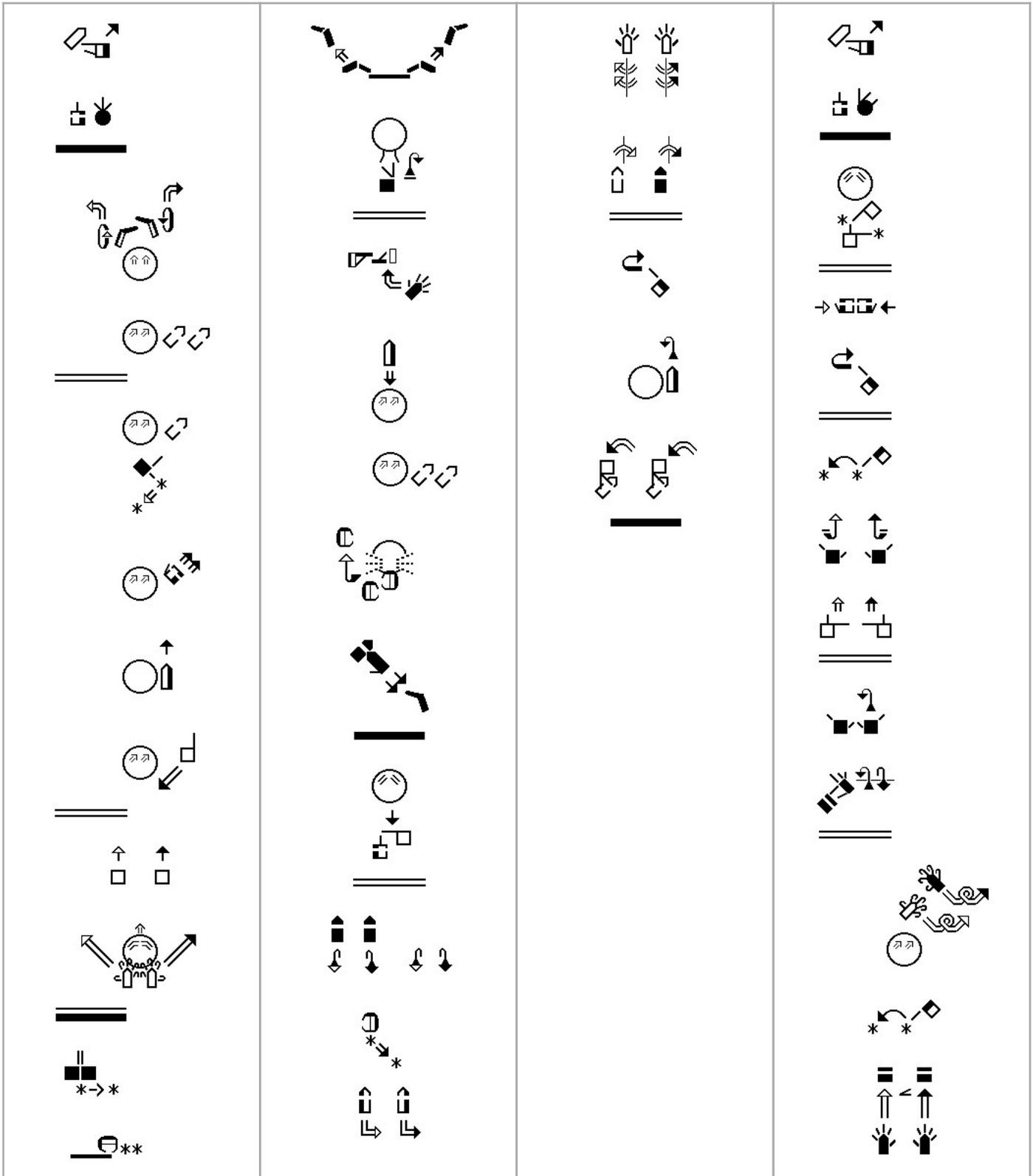


Verse 3. God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Verse 4. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor -- Verse 5. not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. Verse 6. Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this matter by violating his wife, NLT

			
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Verse 13. And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. Verse 14. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him

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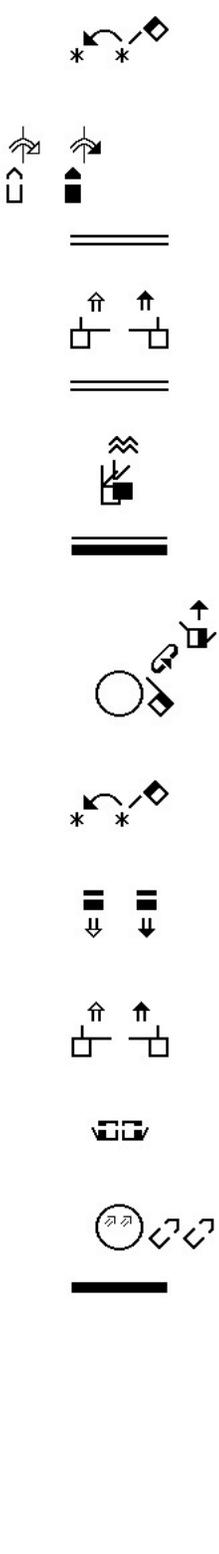
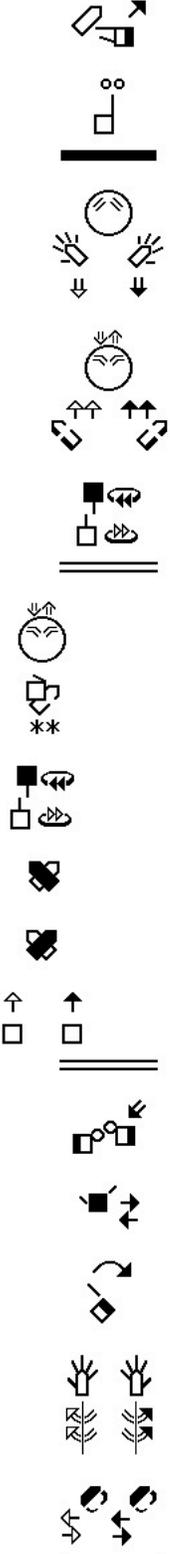
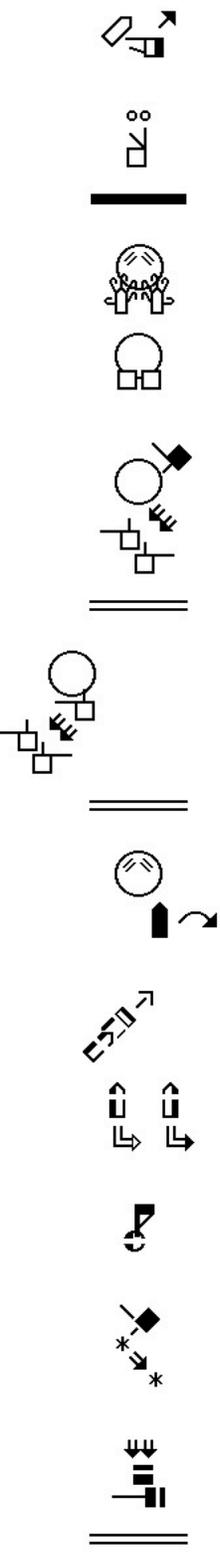


Verse 16. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Verse 17. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds

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Chapter 5. Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. Verse 2. For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. NLT

			
<p>Verse 10. Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. Verse 11. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. Verse 12. Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. NLT</p>			

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<p>ASL signs for Verse 19: A hand sign for 'do not' (open hand, palm up, fingers slightly curled), followed by a sign for 'stifle' (hand near mouth, palm up), then a sign for 'the Holy Spirit' (hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving in a circular motion). The sign sequence is: do not, stifle, the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 20: A hand sign for 'do not' (open hand, palm up, fingers slightly curled), followed by a sign for 'scoff' (hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving in a circular motion), then a sign for 'prophecies' (hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving in a circular motion). The sign sequence is: do not, scoff, prophecies.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 21: A hand sign for 'but' (open hand, palm up, fingers slightly curled), followed by a sign for 'test' (hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving in a circular motion), then a sign for 'everything' (hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving in a circular motion), then a sign for 'that is said' (hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving in a circular motion). The sign sequence is: but, test, everything, that is said.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 22: A hand sign for 'hold on' (hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving in a circular motion), followed by a sign for 'what is good' (hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving in a circular motion). The sign sequence is: hold on, what is good.</p>
<p>ASL signs for Verse 22: A hand sign for 'stay away' (hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving in a circular motion), followed by a sign for 'every kind of evil' (hand with fingers spread, palm up, moving in a circular motion). The sign sequence is: stay away, every kind of evil.</p>			

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45 Verse 23. Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. Verse 24. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful. NLT

