

159 Chapter 14. Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives -- especially the ability to prophesy. Verse 2. For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. NLT

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Verse 3. But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. Verse 4. A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church. Verse 5. I wish you could all speak in tongues, but even more
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I wish you could all prophesy. For prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues, unless someone interprets what you are saying so that the whole church will be strengthened. Verse 6. Dear brothers and sisters, if I should come to you speaking in an unknown language, how would that help you? But if I bring you a revelation or some special knowledge or prophesy or NLT

<p>ASL signs for 'teaching' and 'helpful'. The sequence includes signs for 'teach' (hand over mouth), 'helpful' (hand pointing to a circle), and 'teach' (two hands pointing up).</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'lifeless instruments'. The sequence includes signs for 'lifeless' (hand over mouth), 'instruments' (hand pointing to a circle), and 'lifeless' (hand pointing to a circle).</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'flute or the harp'. The sequence includes signs for 'flute' (hand pointing to a circle), 'or' (hand pointing to a circle), and 'harp' (hand pointing to a circle).</p>	<p>ASL signs for 'must play the notes clearly'. The sequence includes signs for 'must' (hand pointing to a circle), 'play' (hand pointing to a circle), 'notes' (hand pointing to a circle), and 'clearly' (hand pointing to a circle).</p>
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teaching, that will be helpful. Verse 7. Even lifeless instruments like the flute or the harp must play the notes clearly, or no one will recognize the melody. Verse 8. And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear call,

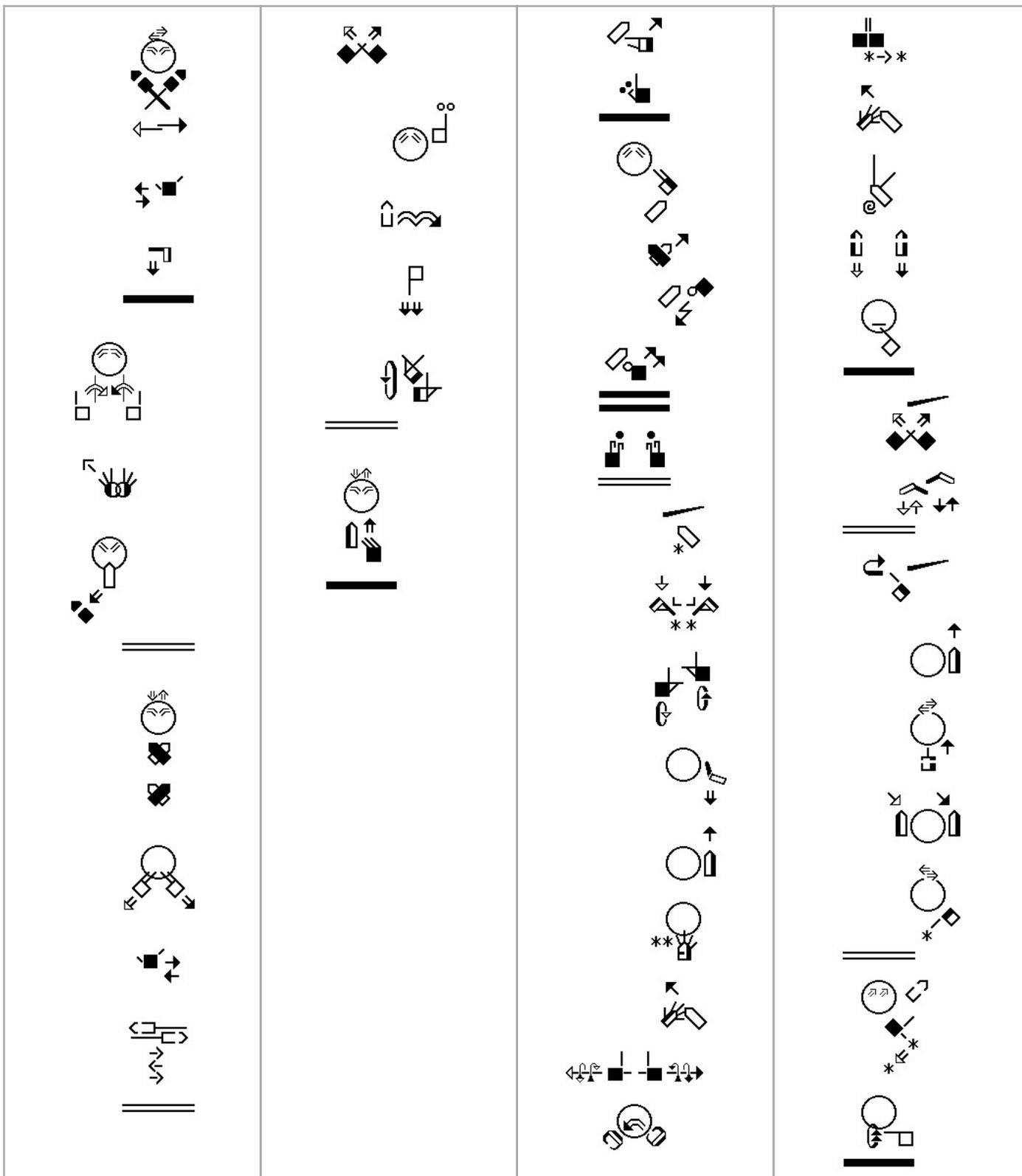
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Verse 13. So anyone who speaks in tongues should pray also for the ability to interpret what has been said. Verse 14. For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying. Verse 15. Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand. NLT

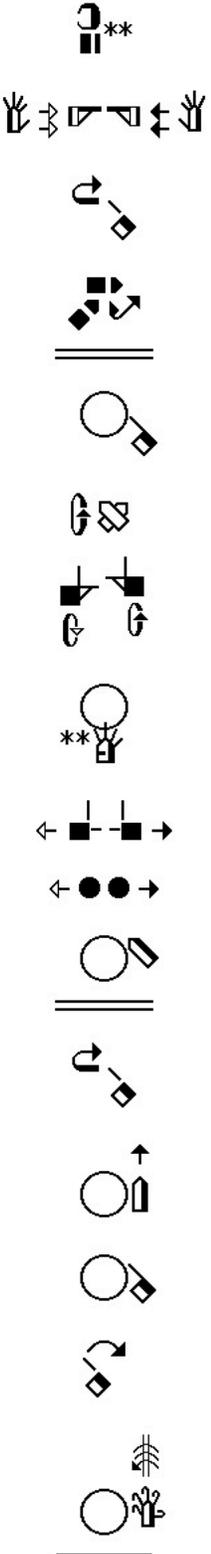
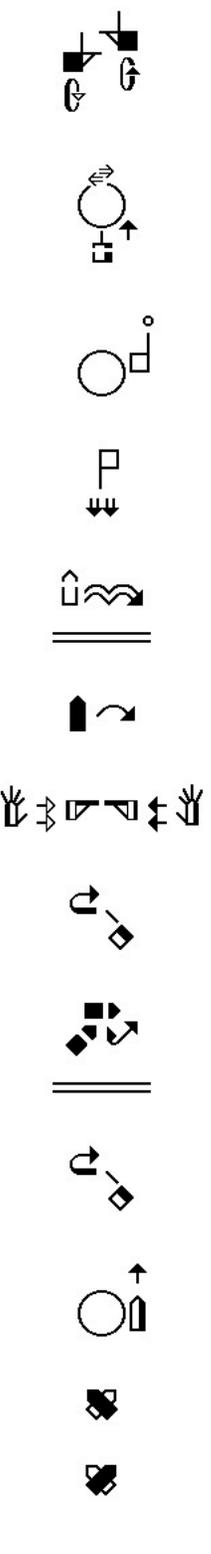
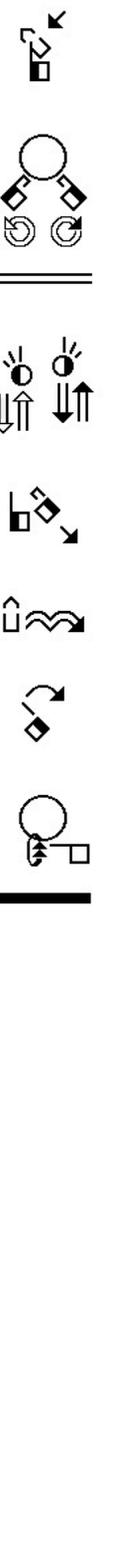
<p>ASL signs for Verse 18: I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 19: But in a church meeting I would rather speak five understandable words to help others than ten thousand words in an unknown language.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 20: Dear brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your understanding of these things.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 21: Dear brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your understanding of these things.</p>
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Be innocent as babies when it comes to evil, but be mature in understanding matters of this kind. Verse 21. It is written in the Scriptures: "I will speak to my own people through strange languages and through the lips of foreigners. But even then, they will not listen to me," says the LORD.

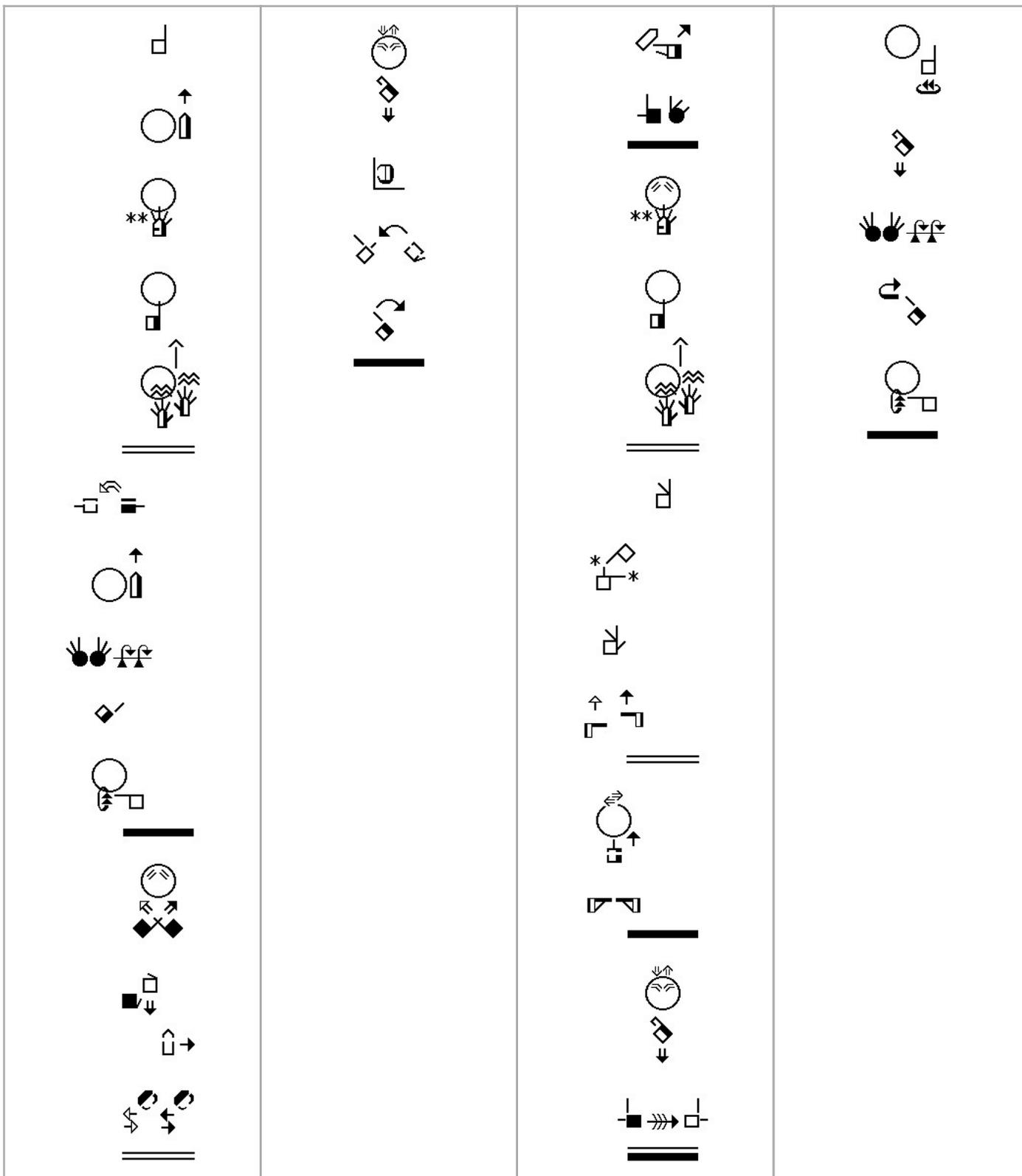
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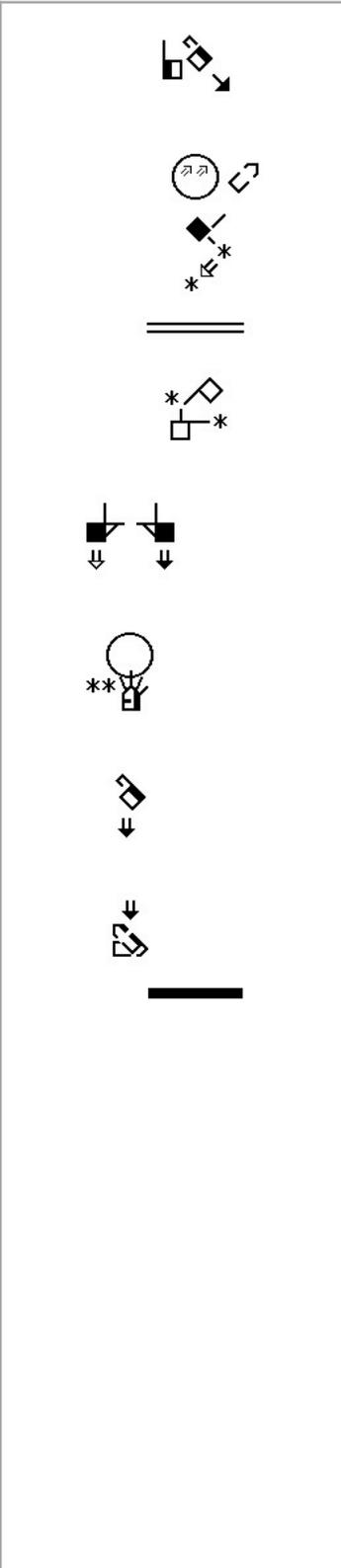
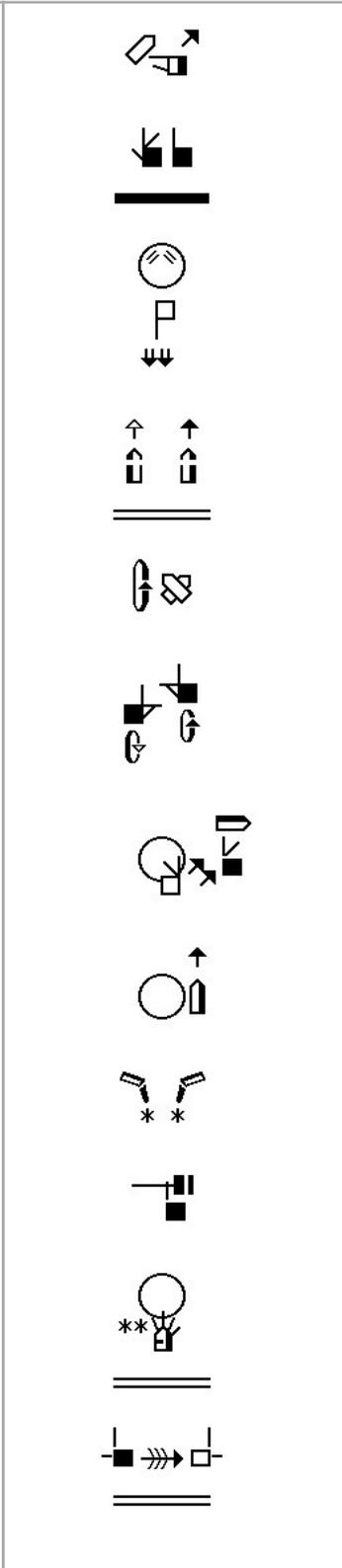
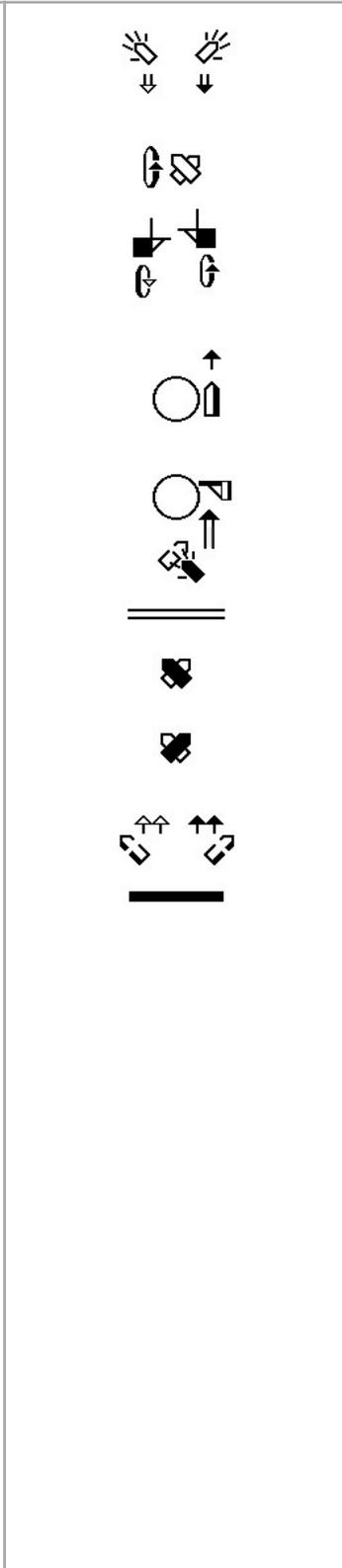
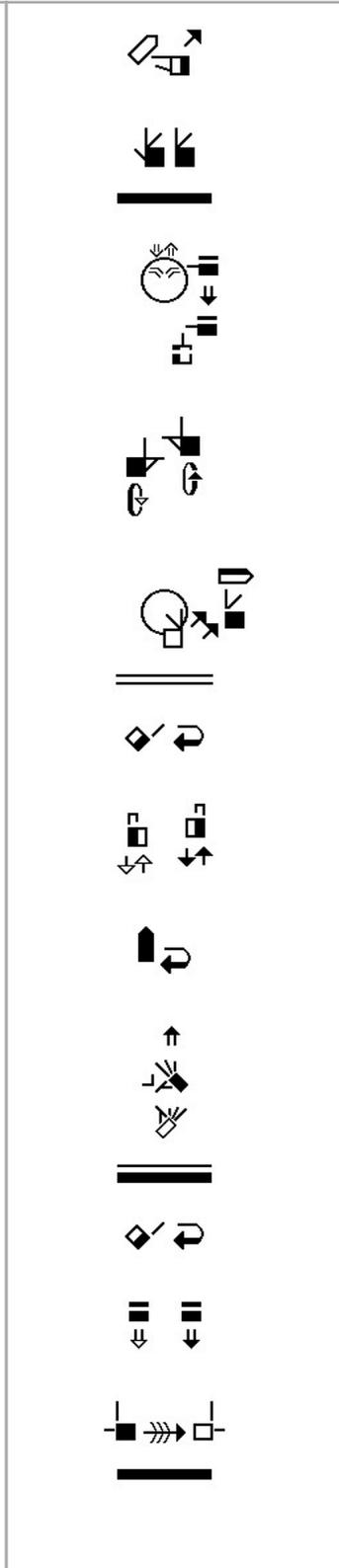
come into your church meeting and hear everyone speaking in an unknown language, they will think you are crazy. Verse 24. But if all of you are prophesying, and unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your meeting, they will be convicted of sin and judged by what you say. NLT

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Verse 25. As they listen, their secret thoughts will be exposed, and they will fall to their knees and worship God, declaring, "God is truly here among you." Verse 26. Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize. When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given,



one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must strengthen all of you. Verse 27. No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say. NLT

			
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from the Lord, the one who is speaking must stop. Verse 31. In this way, all who prophesy will have a turn to speak, one after the other, so that everyone will learn and be encouraged. Verse 32. Remember that people who prophesy are in control of their spirit and can take turns.

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<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs: a face with crossed hands, a double-headed vertical arrow, a hand with fingers spread, a circle with two asterisks, a circle with a hand, a circle with an upward arrow, a circle with wavy lines and an upward arrow, and a thick horizontal line.</p>	<p>A vertical sequence of ASL signs: a hand with fingers spread, a hand with a dot, a thick horizontal line, a face with crossed hands, a square, a square with a hand, a circle with an upward arrow, a square with a hand, a square with a hand and a rightward arrow, two circles with arrows, a square with a hand, a thick horizontal line, a hand with fingers spread, and two squares with wavy lines and a rightward arrow, followed by a thick horizontal line.</p>		
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and don't forbid speaking in tongues. Verse 40. But be sure that everything is done properly and in order.

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