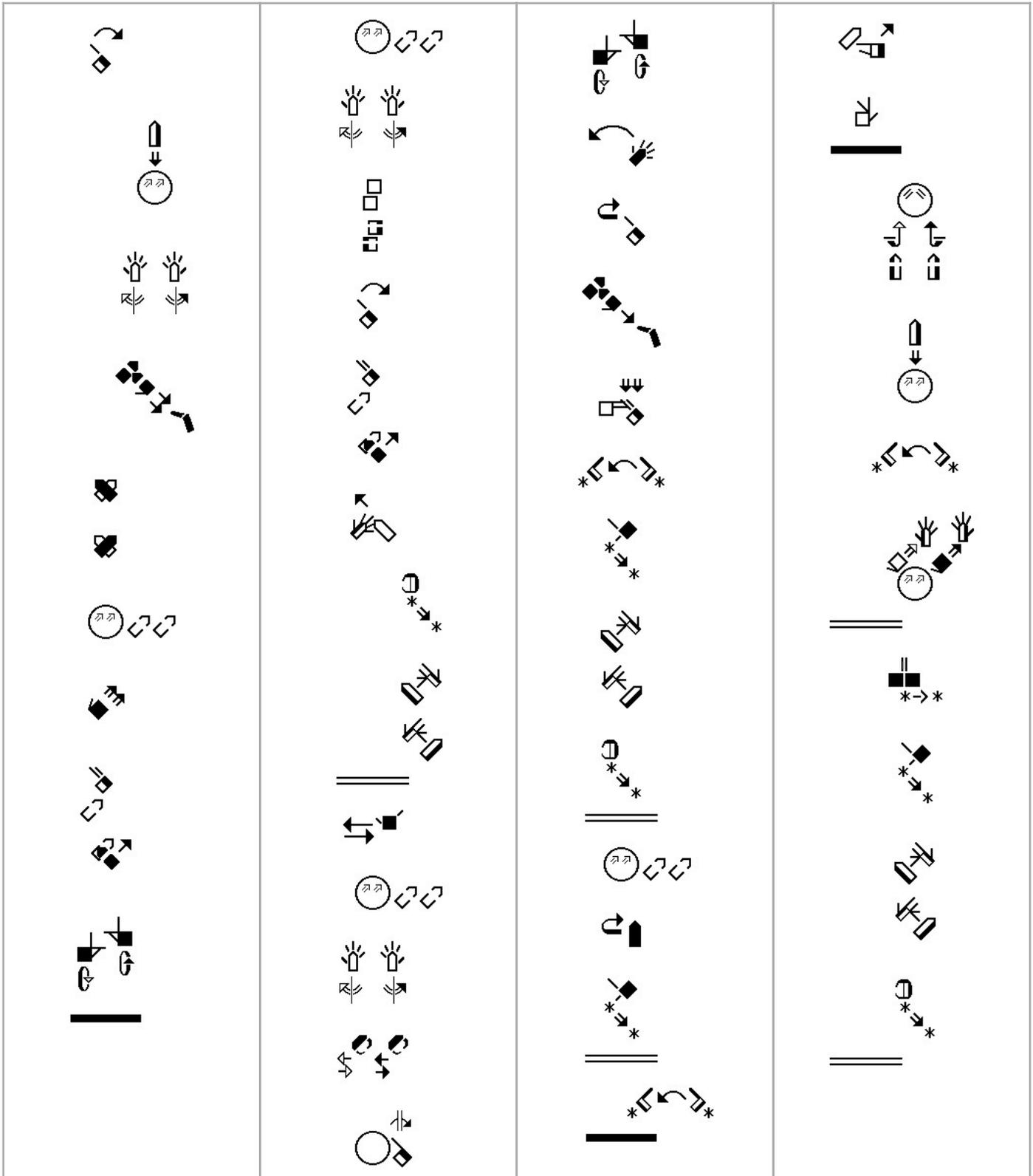


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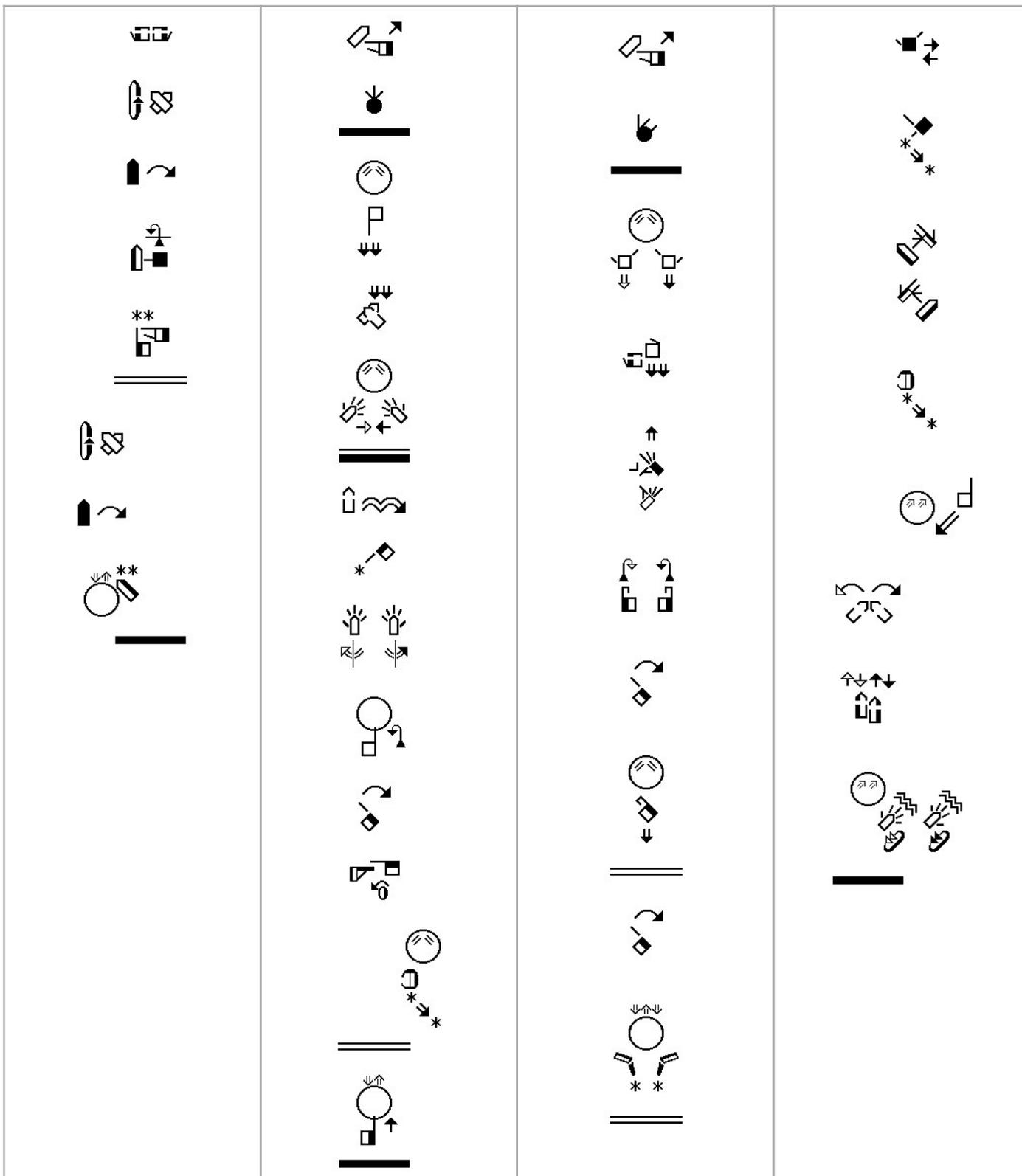
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to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Verse 3. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
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3 give you grace and peace. Verse 4. I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus. Verse 5. Through him, God has enriched your church in every way -- NLT



with all of your eloquent words and all of your knowledge. Verse 6. This confirms that what I told you about Christ is true. Verse 7. Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Verse 10. I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. Verse 11. For some members of Chloe's household

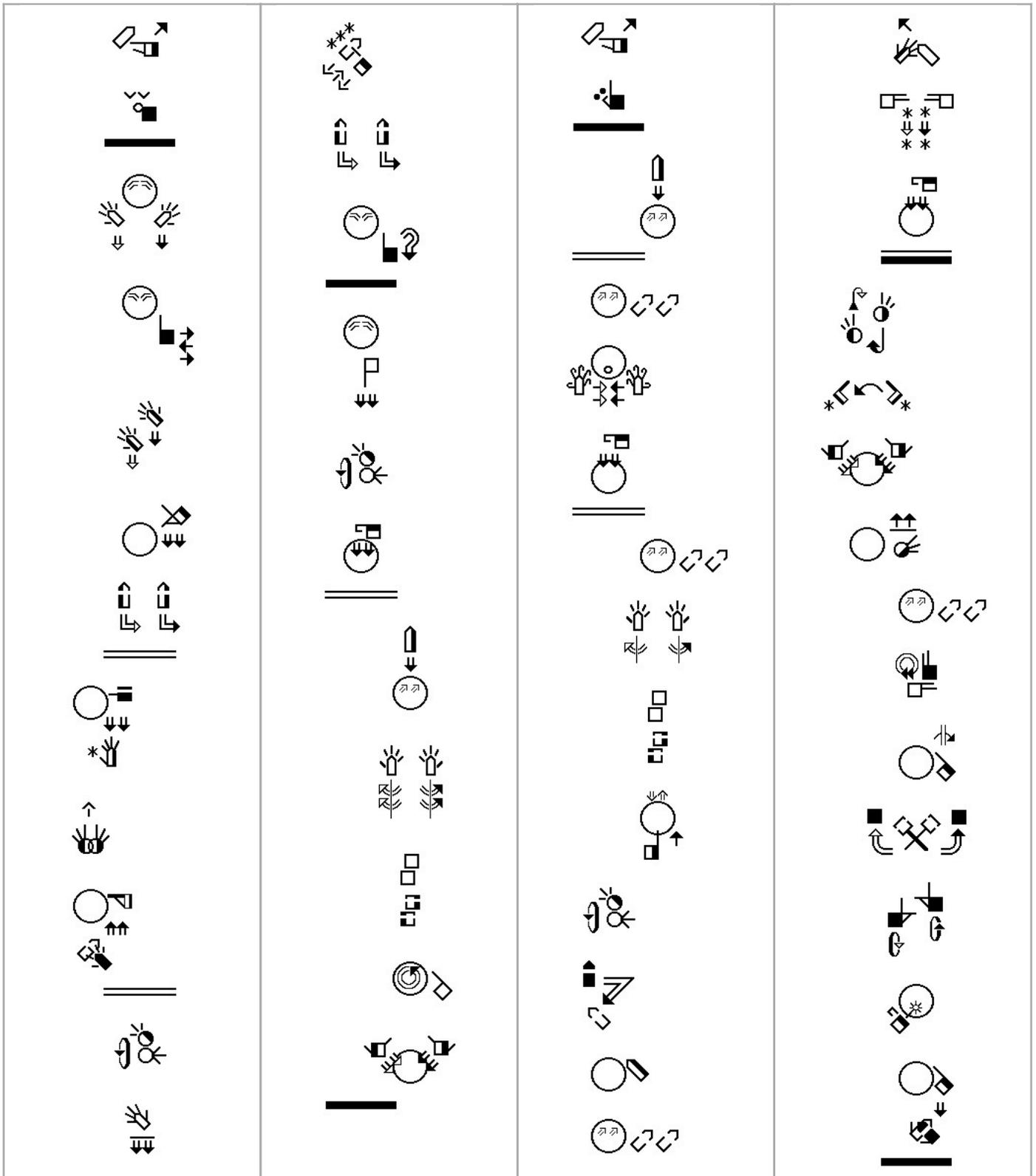
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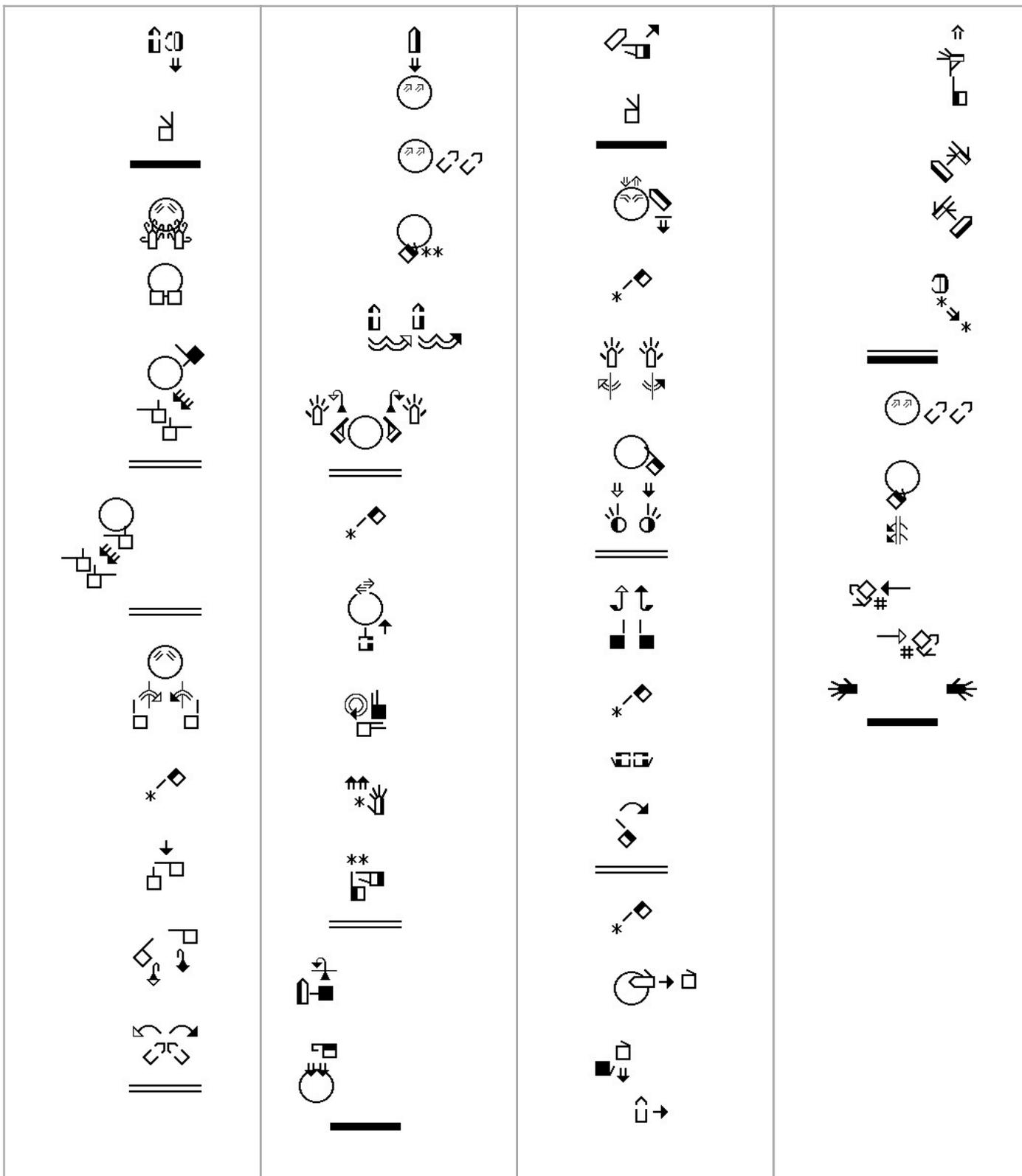
7 have told me about your quarrels, my dear brothers and sisters. Verse 12. Some of you are saying, "I am a follower of Paul." Others are saying, "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Peter," or "I follow only Christ." Verse 13. Has Christ been divided into factions? Was I, Paul,

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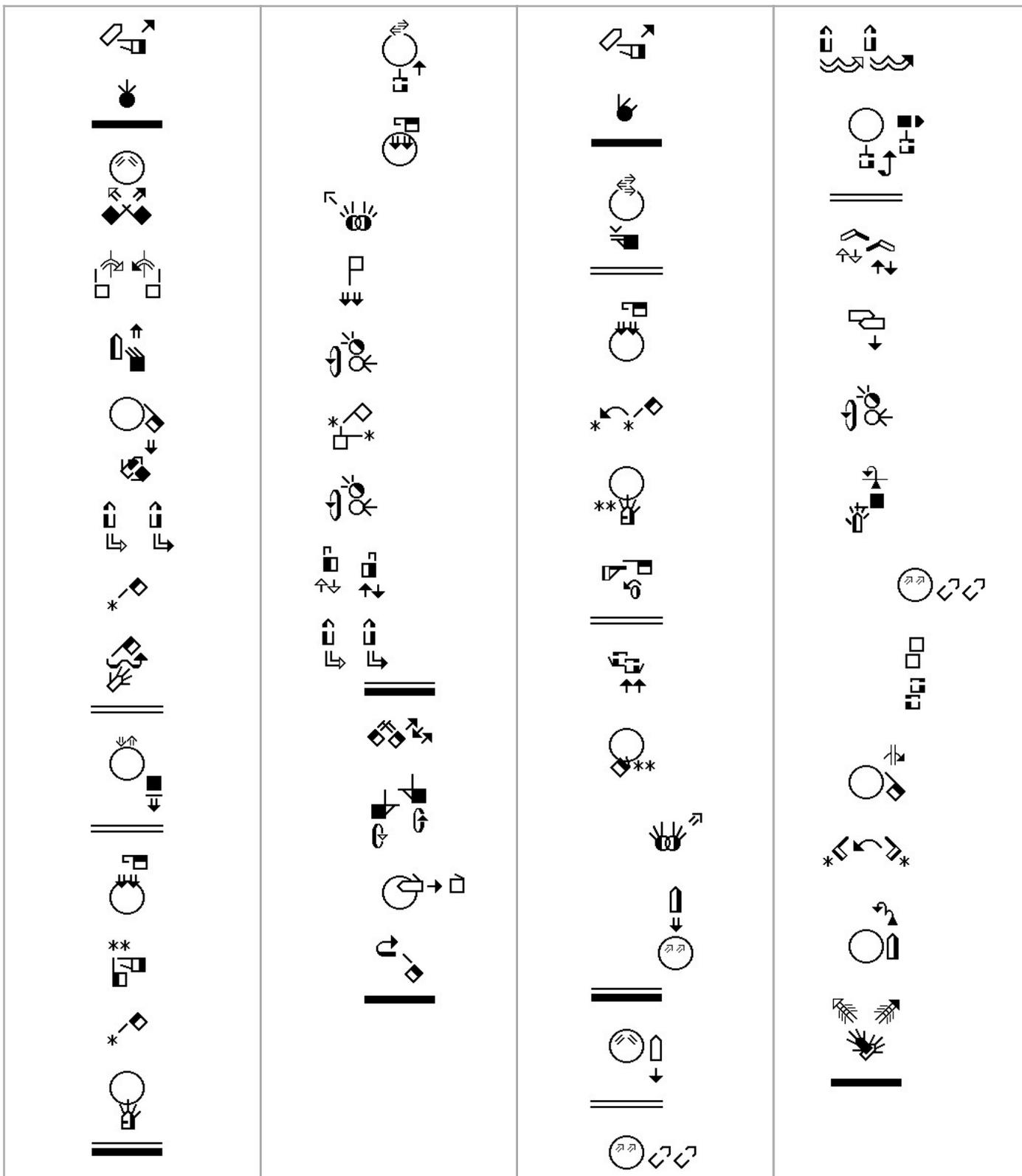
crucified for you? Were any of you baptized in the name of Paul? Of course not! Verse 14. I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, Verse 15. for now no one can say they were baptized in my name.



Verse 20. So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. Verse 21. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. NLT



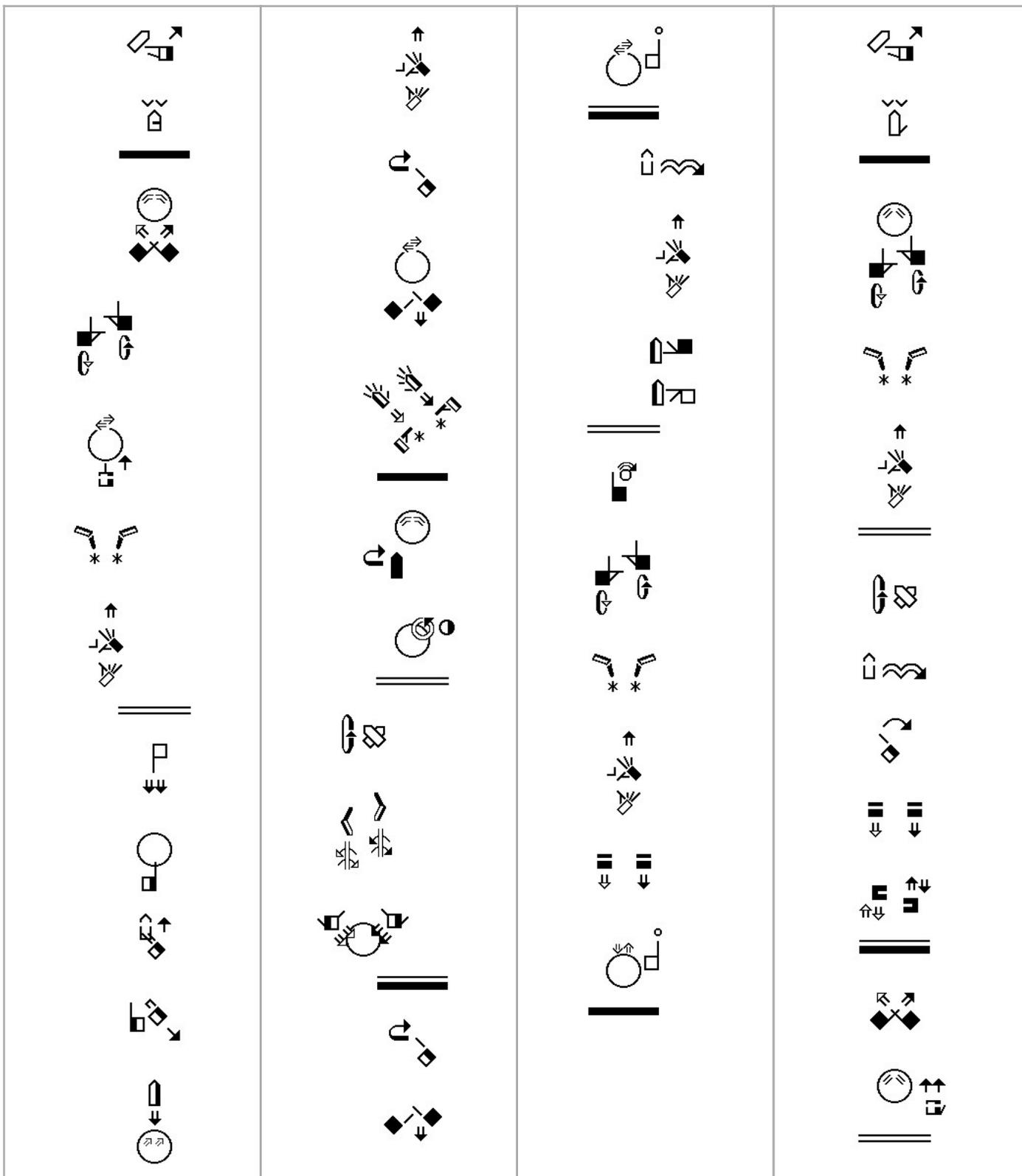
Chapter 2. When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. Verse 2. For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. NLT



Verse 6. Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. Verse 7. No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God -- his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. NLT

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Verse 12. And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. Verse 13. When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. NLT



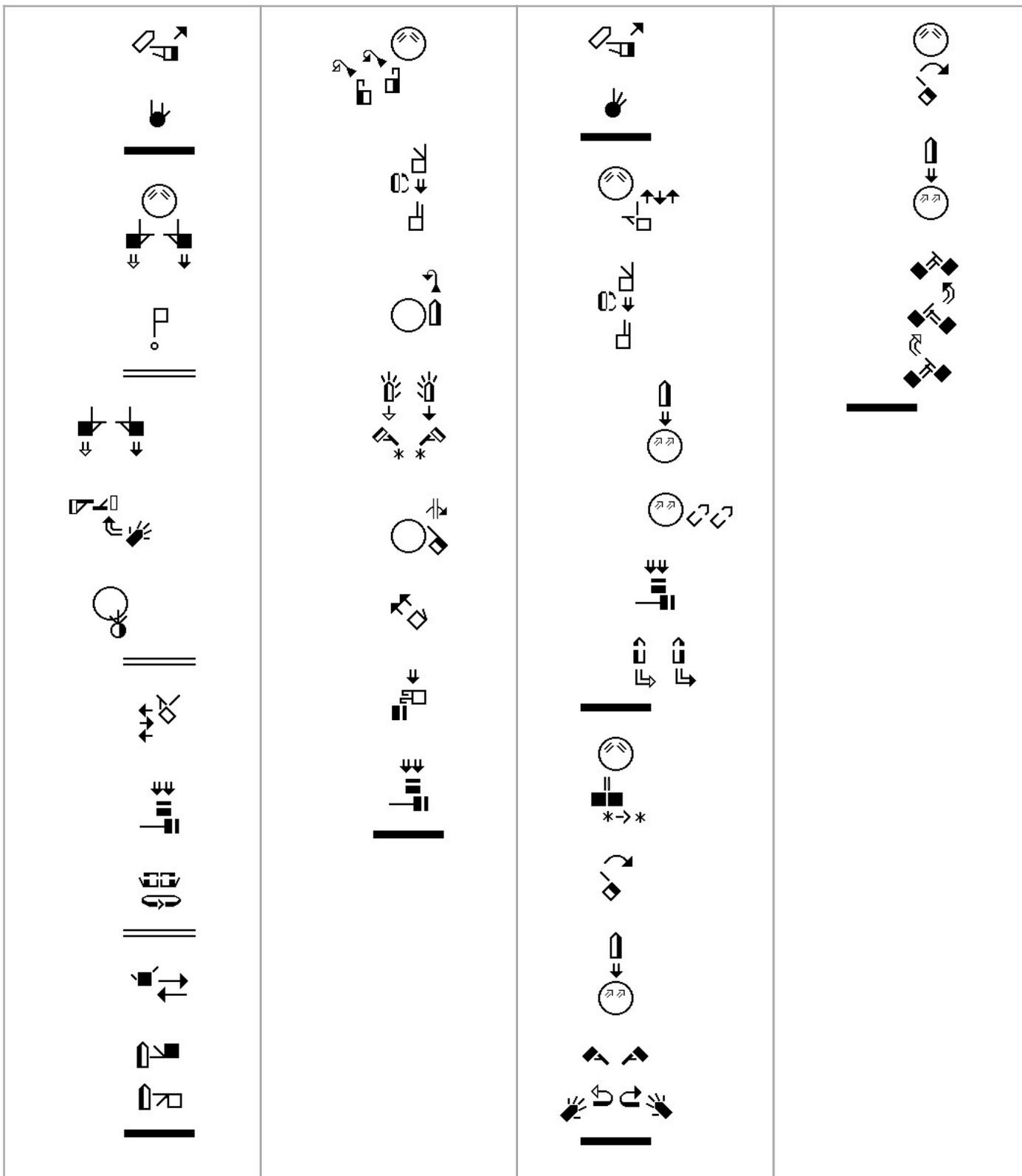
Verse 14. But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. Verse 15. Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves NLT

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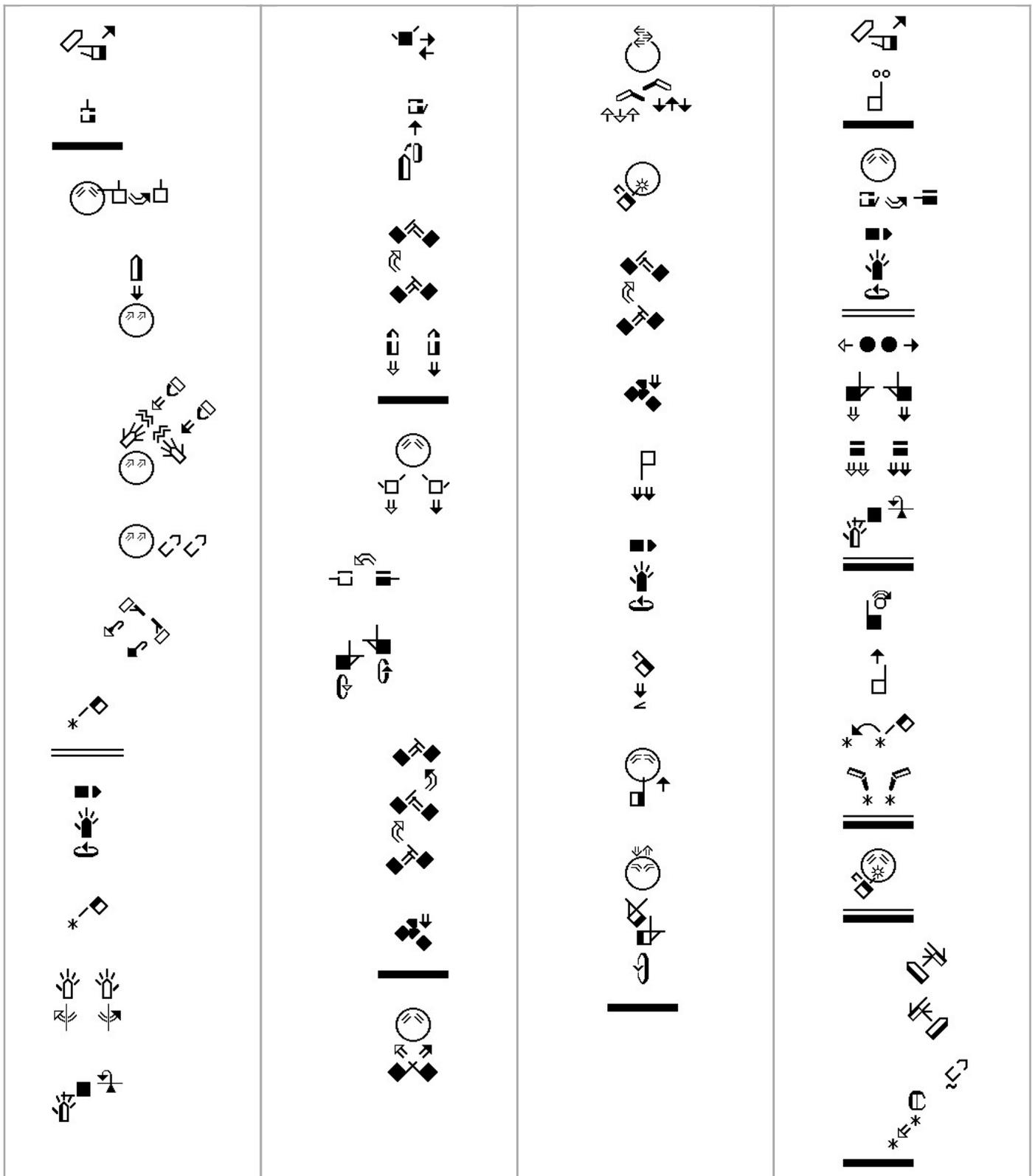
Chapter 3. Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life. Verse 2. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, NLT

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"I follow Apollos," aren't you acting just like people of the world? Verse 5. After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us.

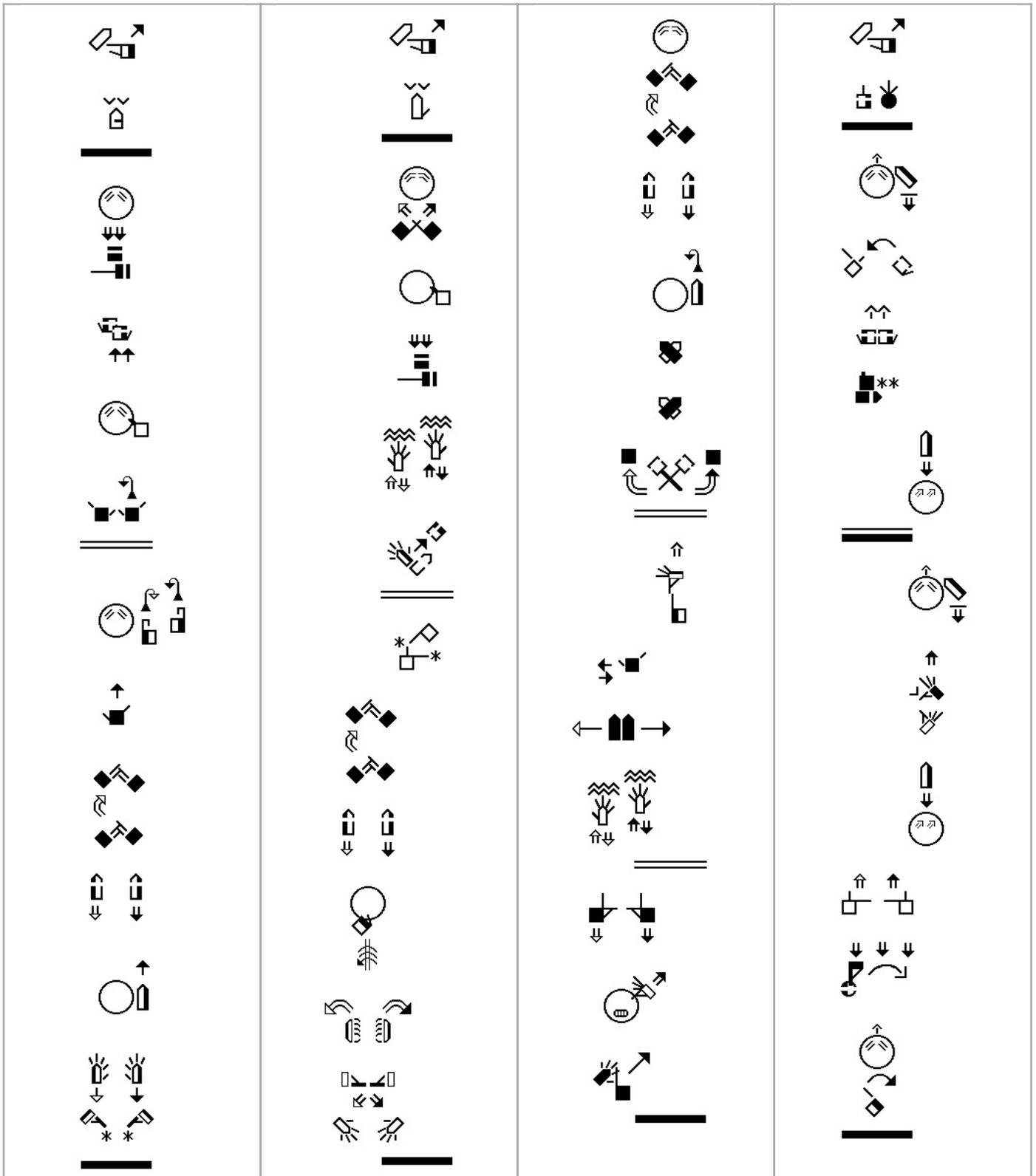


Verse 8. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. Verse 9. For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building. NLT

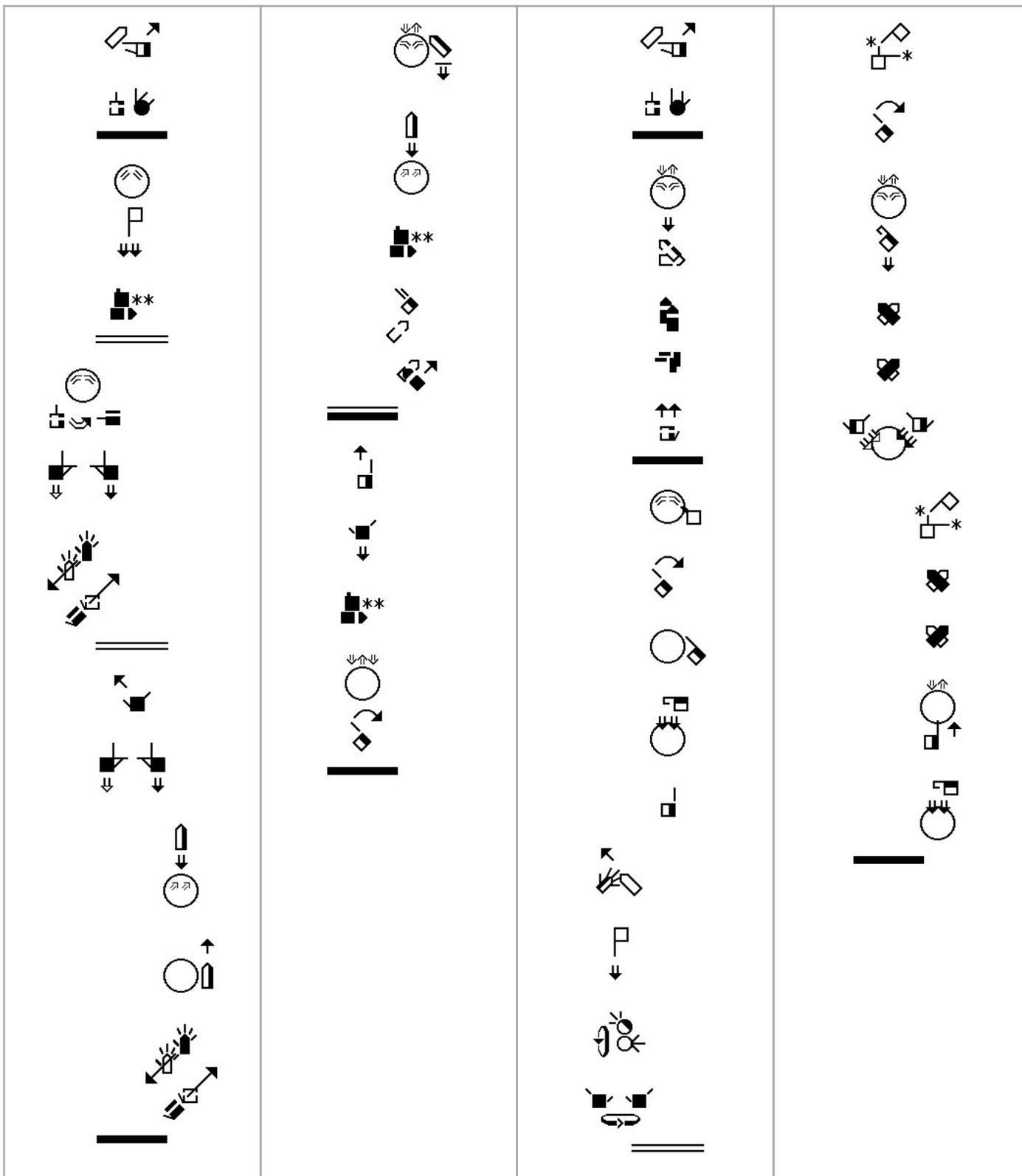


Verse 10. Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. Verse 11. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have -- Jesus Christ.

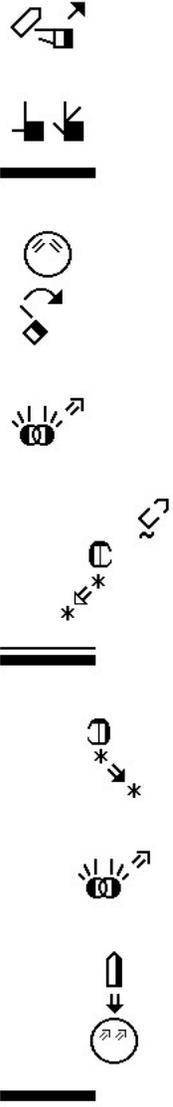
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Verse 14. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. Verse 15. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. Verse 16. Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? NLT



Verse 17. God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Verse 18. Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world's standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise. NLT

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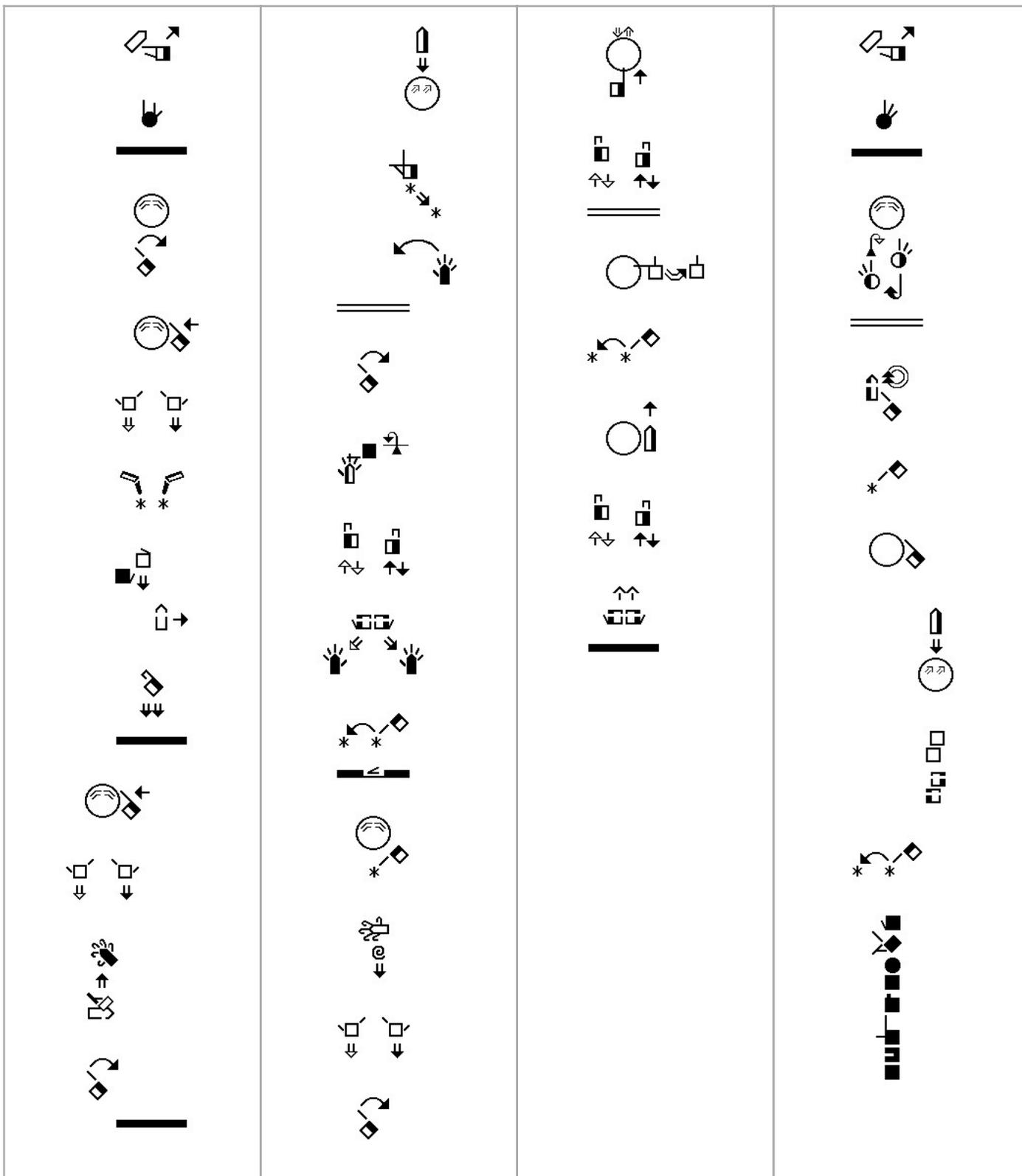
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For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due. Verse 6. Dear brothers and sisters, I have used Apollos and myself to illustrate what I've been saying. If you pay attention to what I have quoted

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from the Scriptures, you won't be proud of one of your leaders at the expense of another. Verse 7. For what gives you the right to make such a judgment? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?
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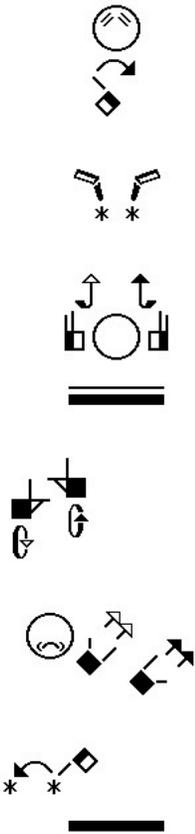
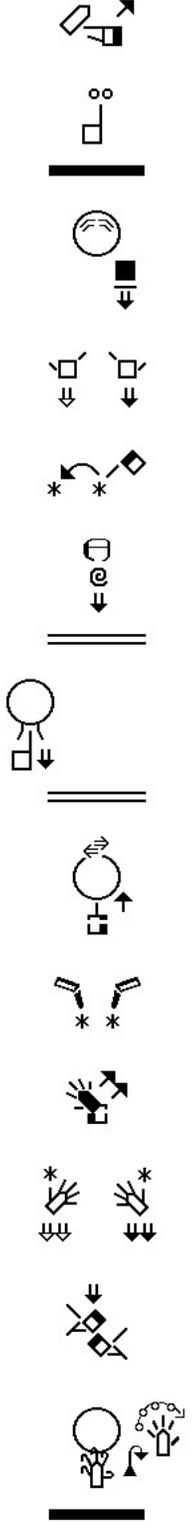
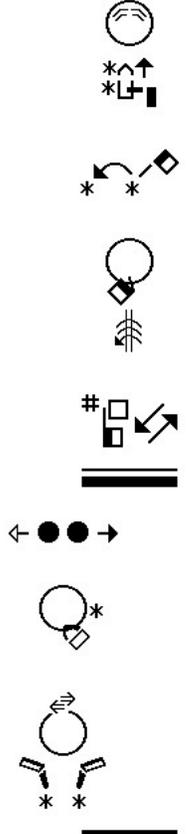
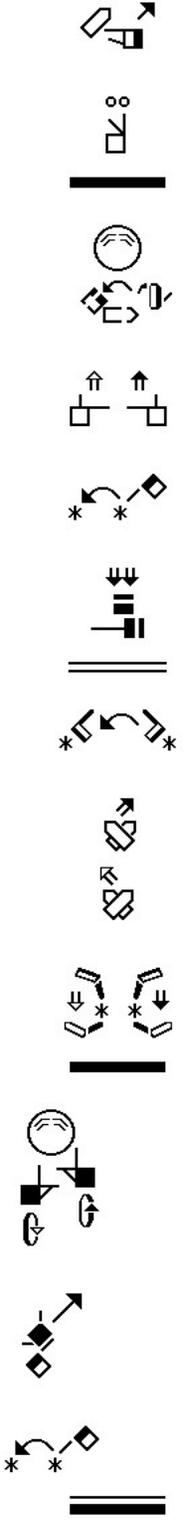


Verse 8. You think you already have everything you need. You think you are already rich. You have begun to reign in God's kingdom without us! I wish you really were reigning already, for then we would be reigning with you. Verse 9. Instead, I sometimes think God has put us apostles

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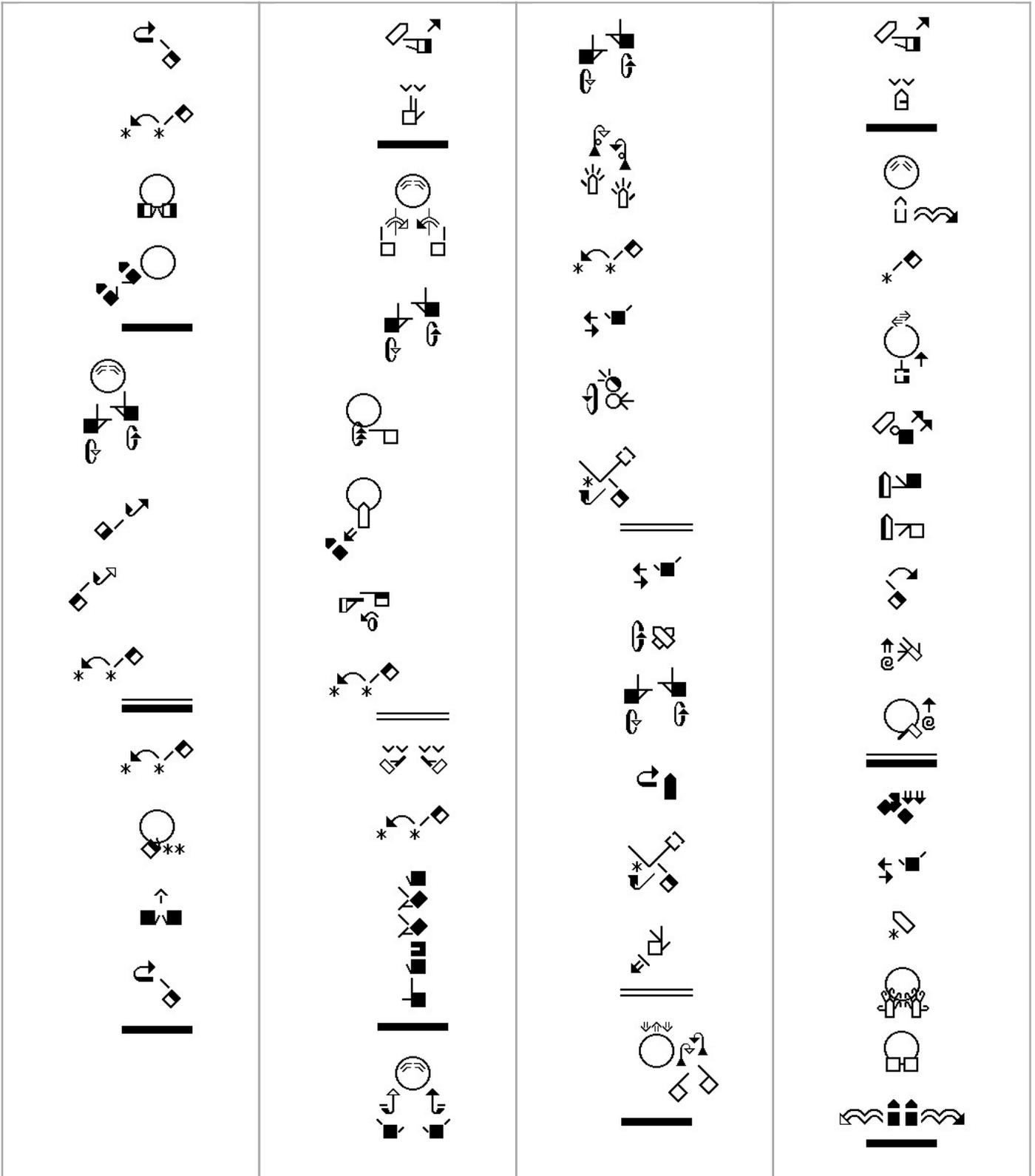
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43 on display, like prisoners of war at the end of a victor's parade, condemned to die. We have become a spectacle to the entire world -- to people and angels alike. Verse 10. Our dedication to Christ makes us look like fools, but you claim to be so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are so powerful!
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You are honored, but we are ridiculed. Verse 11. Even now we go hungry and thirsty, and we don't have enough clothes to keep warm. We are often beaten and have no home. Verse 12. We work wearily with our own hands to earn our living. We bless those who curse us.

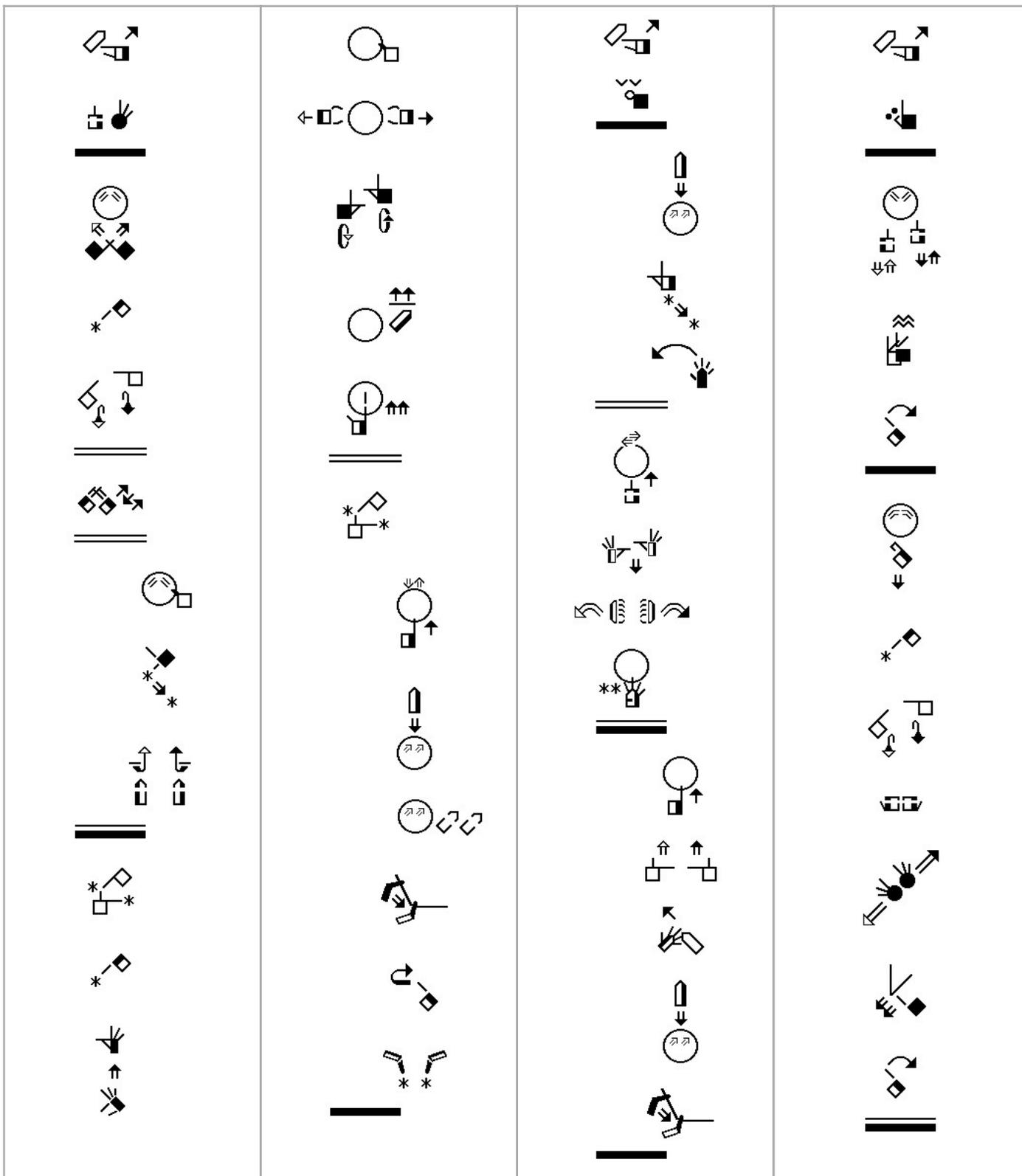
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We are patient with those who abuse us. Verse 13. We appeal gently when evil things are said about us. Yet we are treated like the world's garbage, like everybody's trash -- right up to the present moment. Verse 14. I am not writing these things to shame you, but to warn you as my beloved children. NLT

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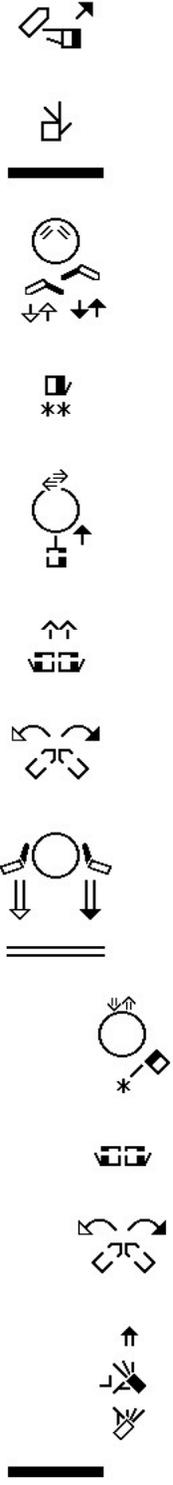
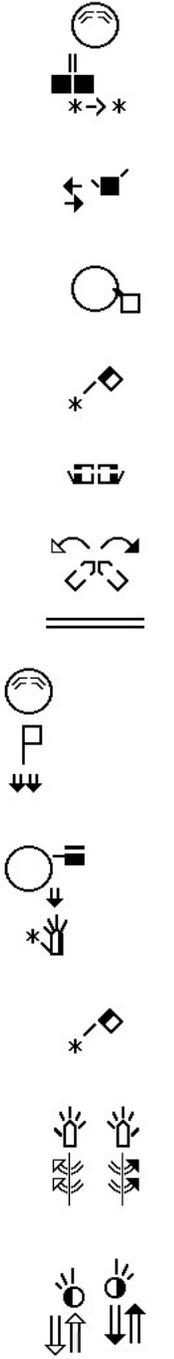
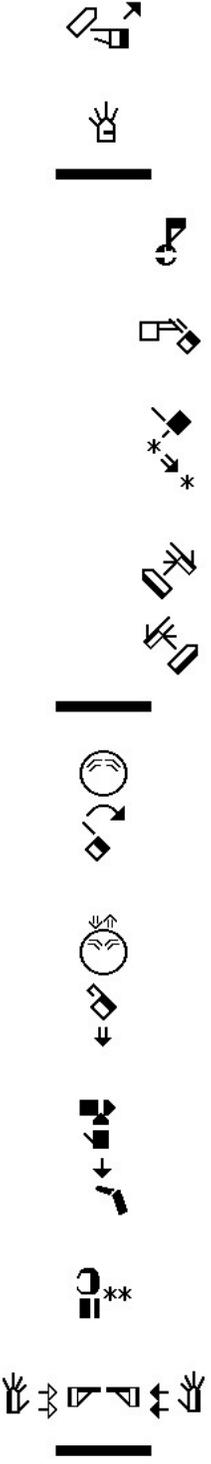
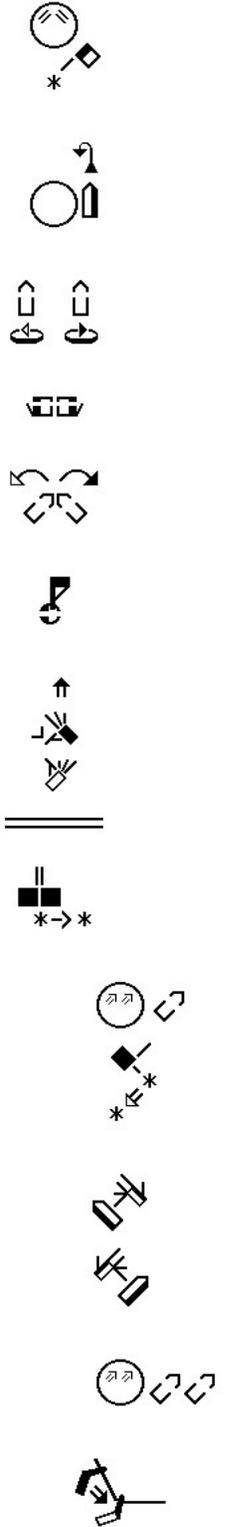
Verse 15. For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father. For I became your father in Christ Jesus when I preached the Good News to you. Verse 16. So I urge you to imitate me. NLT

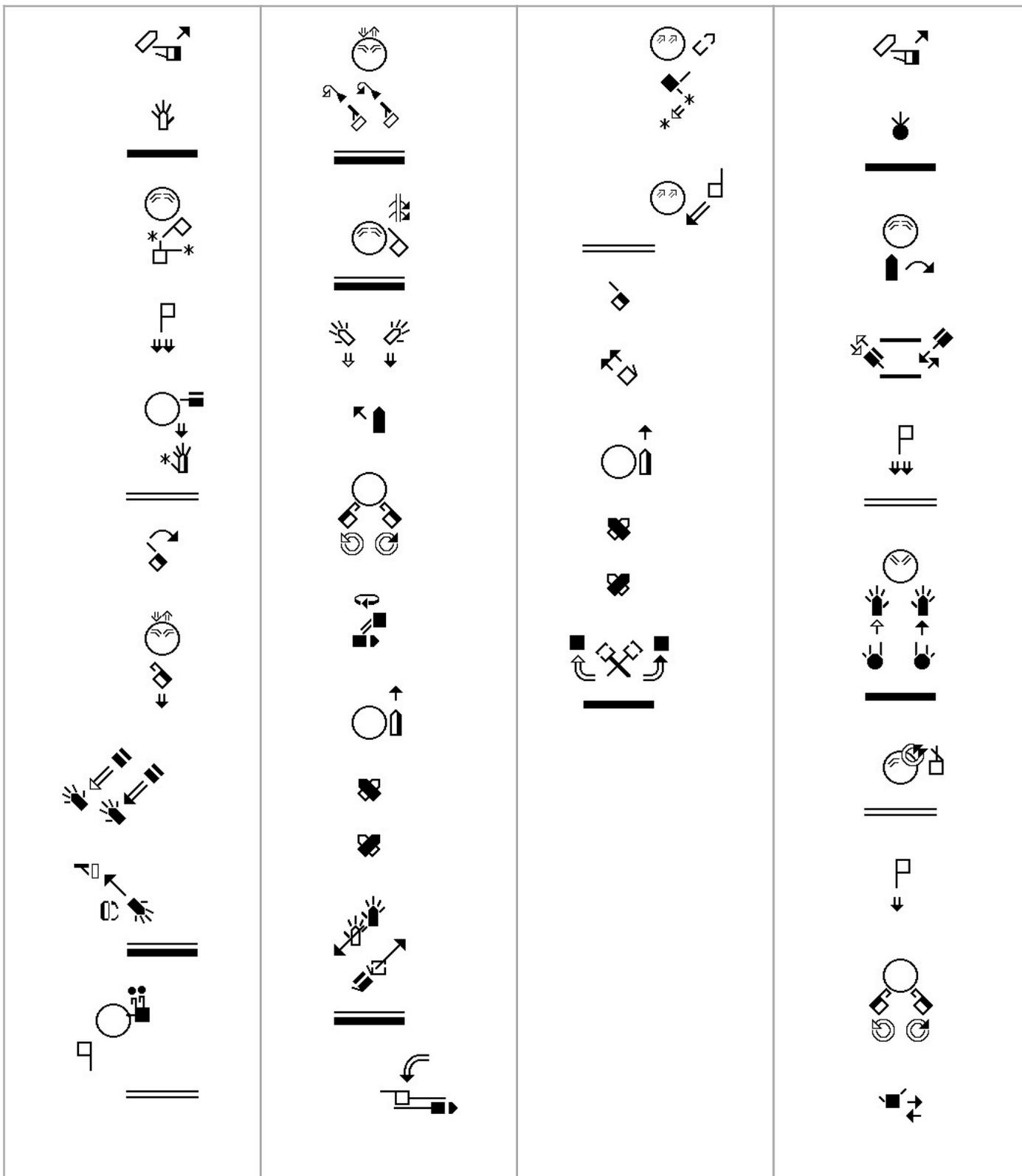


Verse 19. But I will come -- and soon -- if the Lord lets me, and then I'll find out whether these arrogant people just give pretentious speeches or whether they really have God's power. Verse 20. For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power. Verse 21. Which do you choose? Should I come with a rod to punish you, NLT

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Chapter 5. I can hardly believe the report about the sexual immorality going on among you -- something that even pagans don't do. I am told that a man in your church is living in sin with his stepmother. Verse 2. You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship. NLT

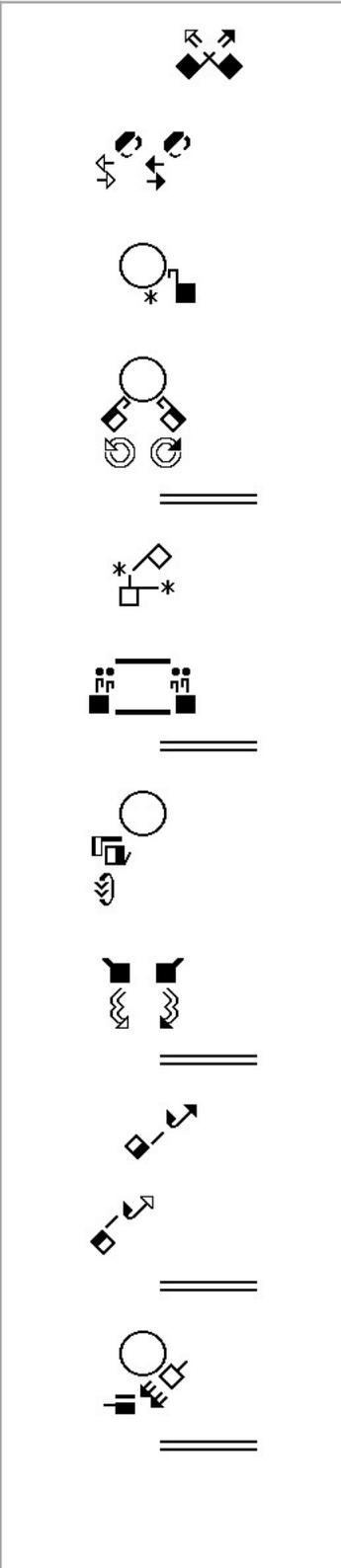
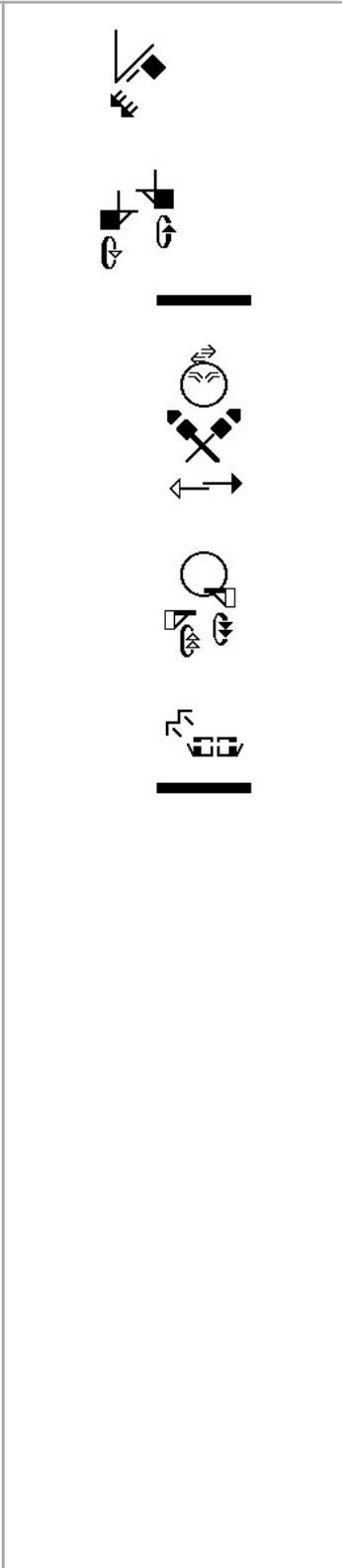
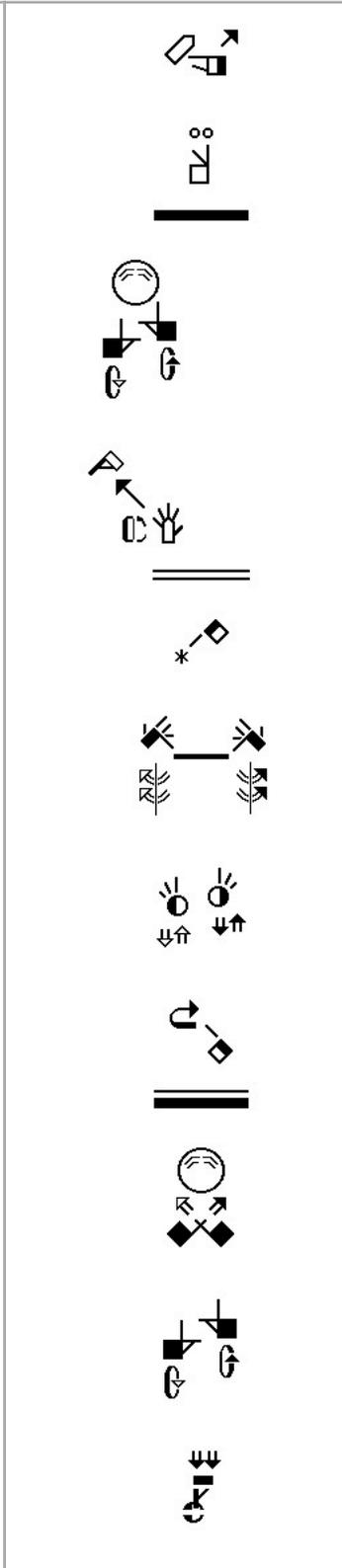
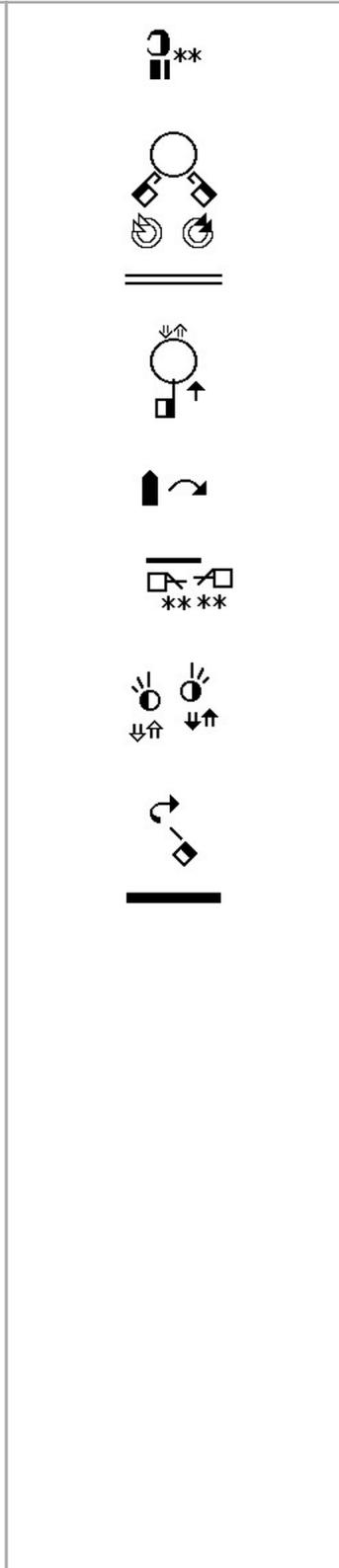
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| <p>Verse 3. Even though I am not with you in person, I am with you in the Spirit. And as though I were there, I have already passed judgment on this man Verse 4. in the name of the Lord Jesus. You must call a meeting of the church. I will be present with you in spirit, and so will the power of our Lord Jesus.</p> | | | |



Verse 5. Then you must throw this man out and hand him over to Satan so that his sinful nature will be destroyed and he himself will be saved on the day the Lord returns. Verse 6. Your boasting about this is terrible. Don't you realize that this sin is like

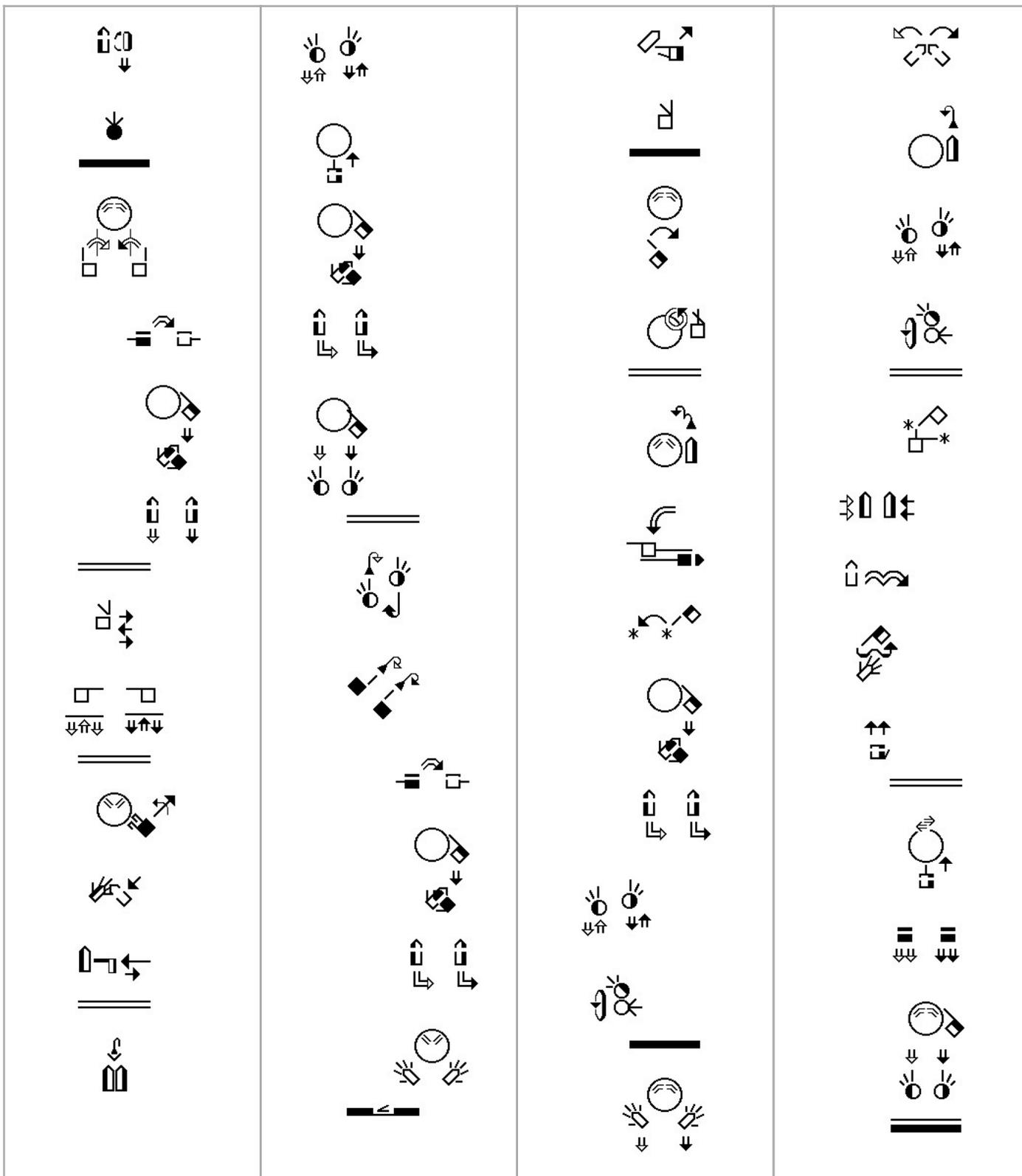
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53 a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough? Verse 7. Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you. Then you will be like a fresh batch of dough made without yeast, which is what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. NLT

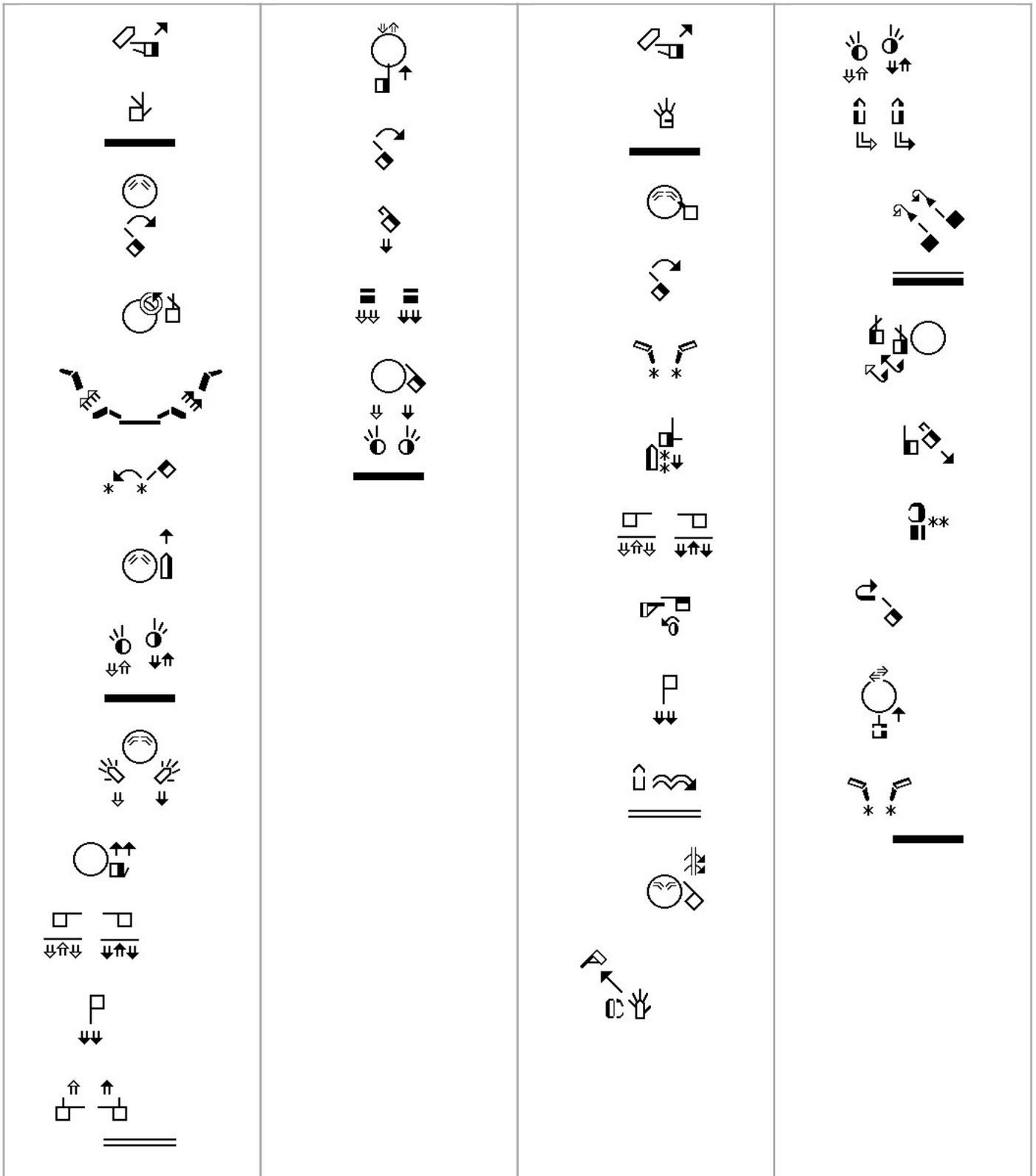
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yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people. Verse 12. It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning.

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Chapter 6. When one of you has a dispute with another believer, how dare you file a lawsuit and ask a secular court to decide the matter instead of taking it to other believers! Verse 2. Don't you realize that someday we believers will judge the world? And since you are going to judge the world, can't you decide even these little things among yourselves?
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Verse 3. Don't you realize that we will judge angels? So you should surely be able to resolve ordinary disputes in this life. Verse 4. If you have legal disputes about such matters, why go to outside judges who are not respected by the church? NLT

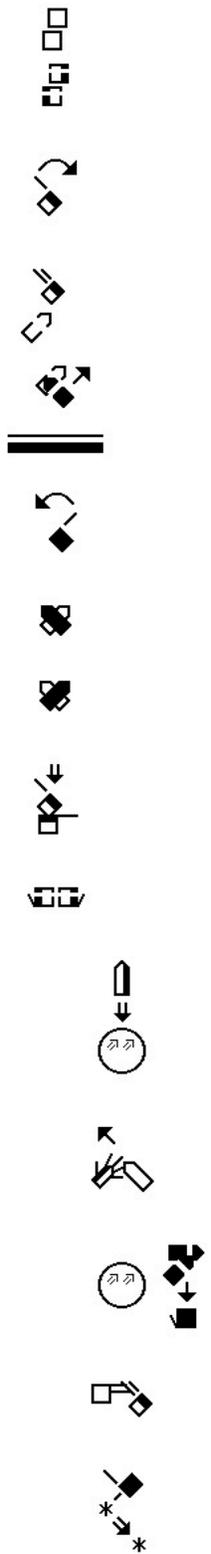
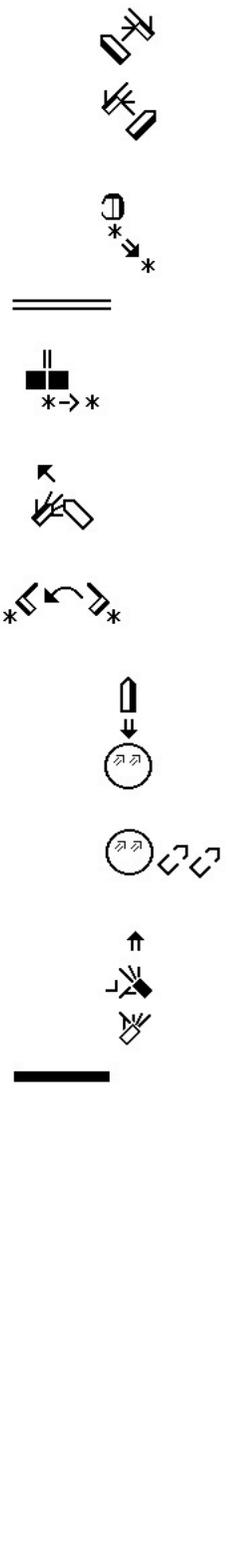
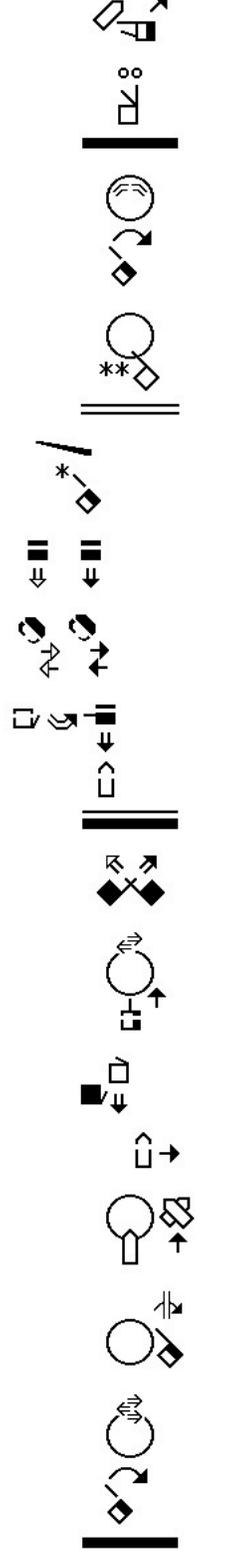
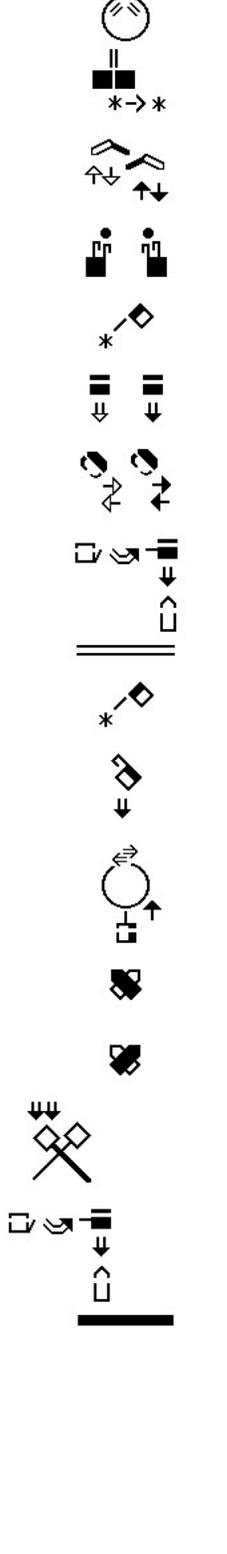
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61 just accept the injustice and leave it at that? Why not let yourselves be cheated? Verse 8. Instead, you yourselves are the ones who do wrong and cheat even your fellow believers. Verse 9. Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or NLT

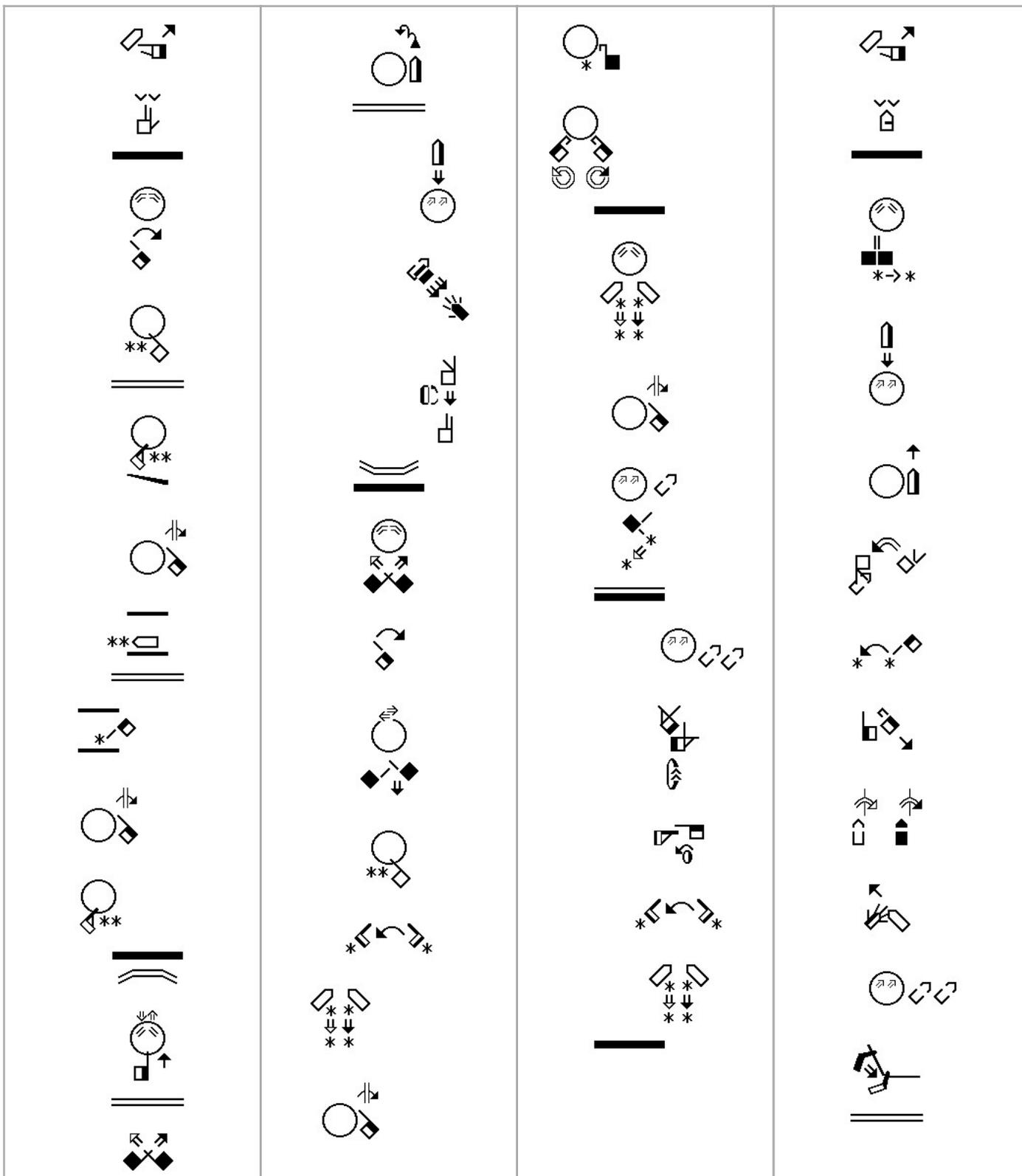
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| <p>ASL signs for 'idols' (two hands with wavy lines) and 'adultery' (hand with arrow pointing to a square).</p> | <p>ASL signs for 'male prostitutes' (hand with arrow pointing to a square) and 'homosexuality' (hand with arrow pointing to a square).</p> | <p>ASL signs for 'thieves' (hand with arrow pointing to a square) and 'greedy people' (hand with arrow pointing to a square).</p> | <p>ASL signs for 'drunkards' (hand with arrow pointing to a square) and 'abusive' (hand with arrow pointing to a square).</p> |
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who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, Verse 10. or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people -- none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Verse 11. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed;

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you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. Verse 12. You say, "I am allowed to do anything: -- but not everything is good for you. And even though "I am allowed to do anything," I must not become a slave to anything. NLT

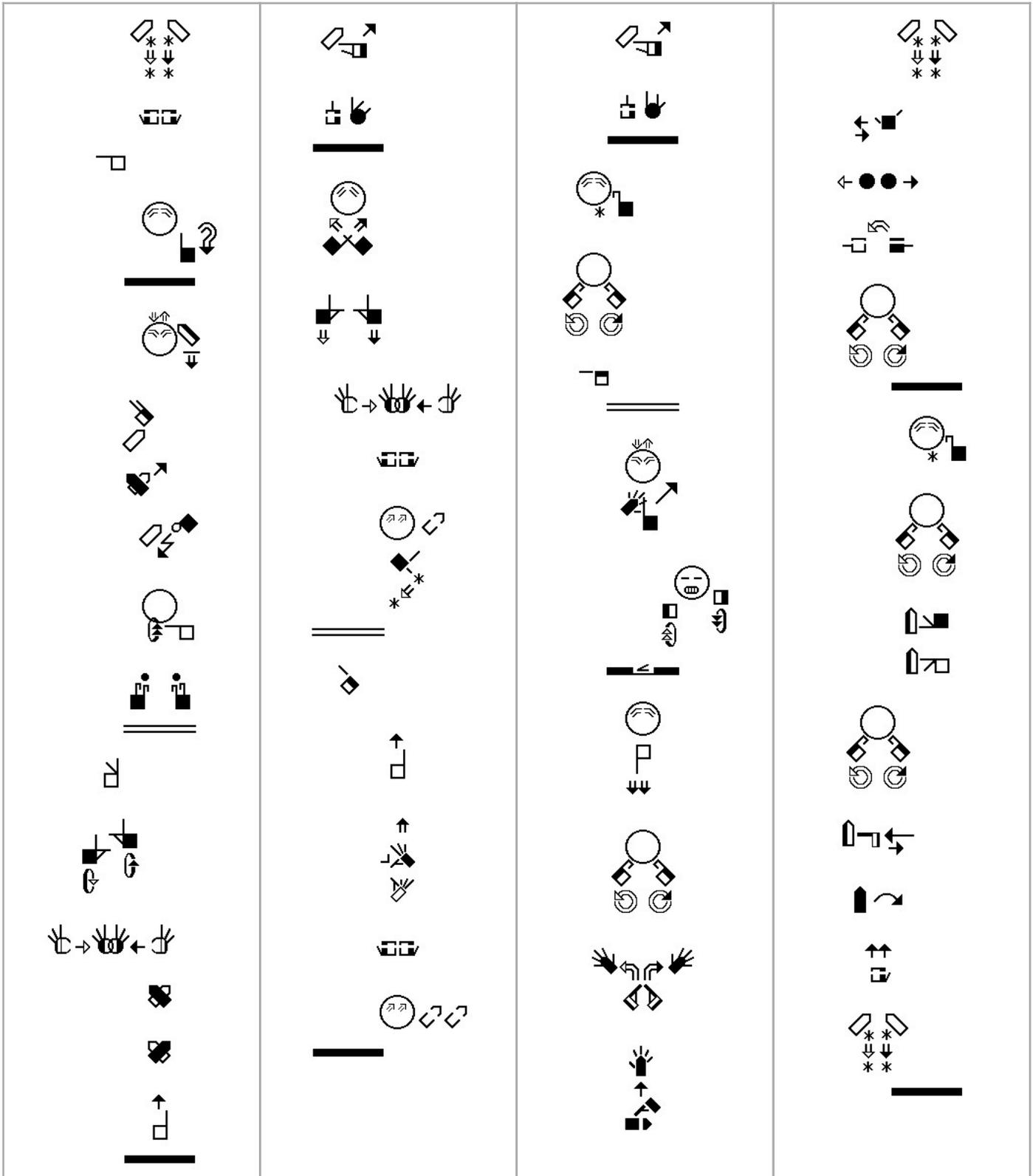


Verse 13. You say, "Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food." (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies. Verse 14. And God will raise us from the dead by his power,

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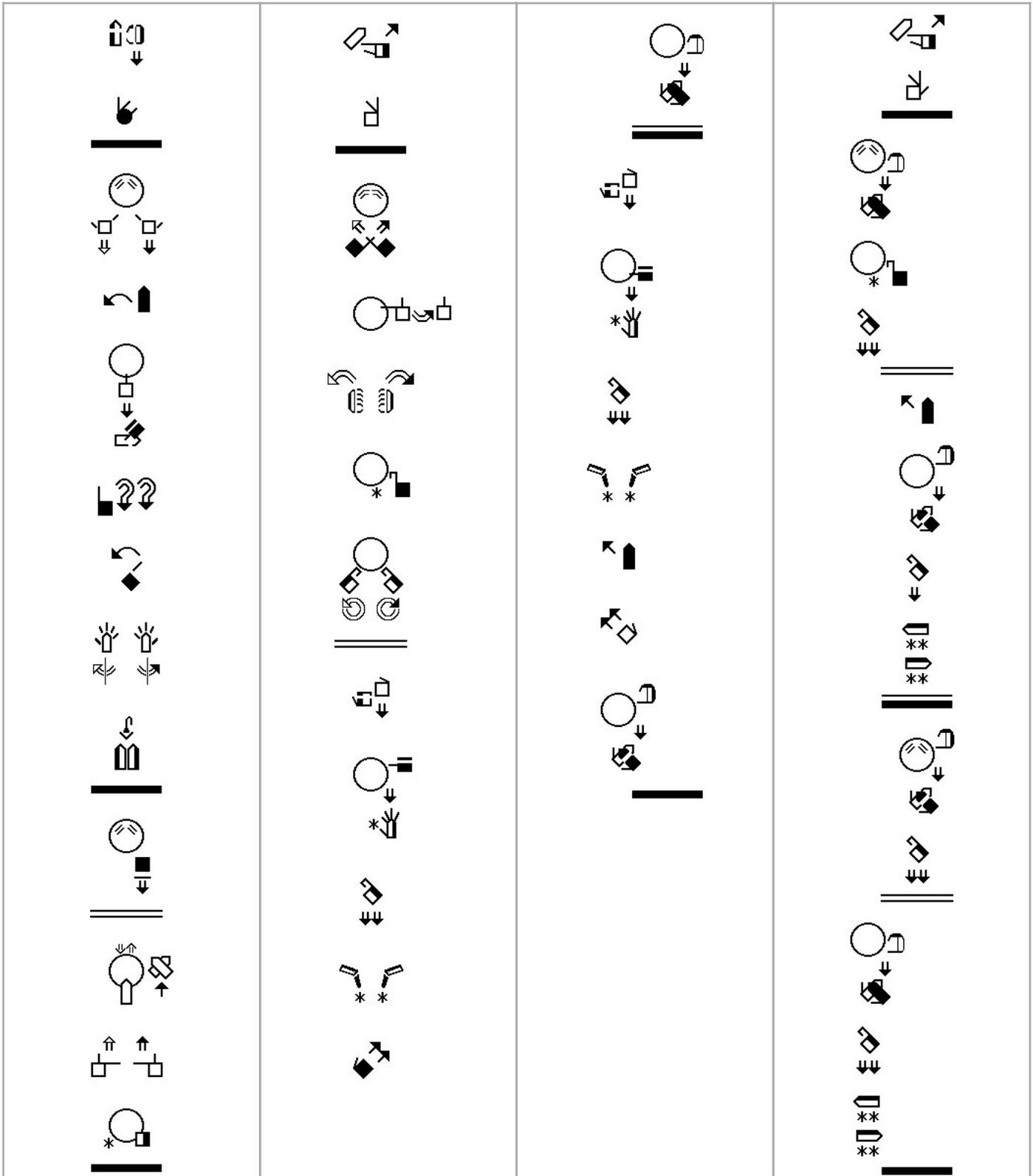
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65 just as he raised our Lord from the dead. Verse 15. Don't you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ? Should a man take his body, which is part of Christ, and join it to a prostitute? Never! Verse 16. And don't you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one NLT



body with her? For the Scriptures say, "The two are united into one." Verse 17. But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Verse 18. Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.

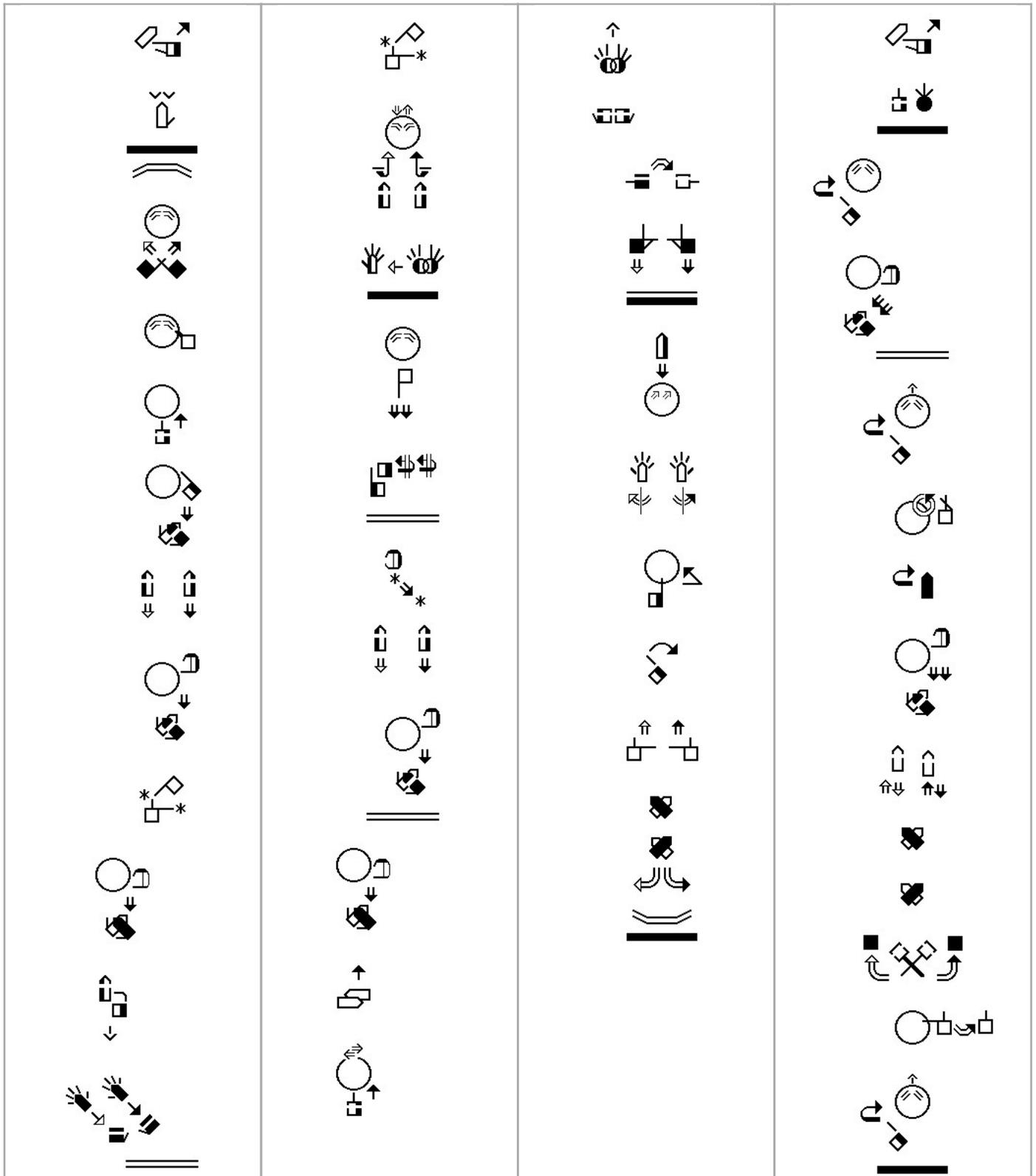
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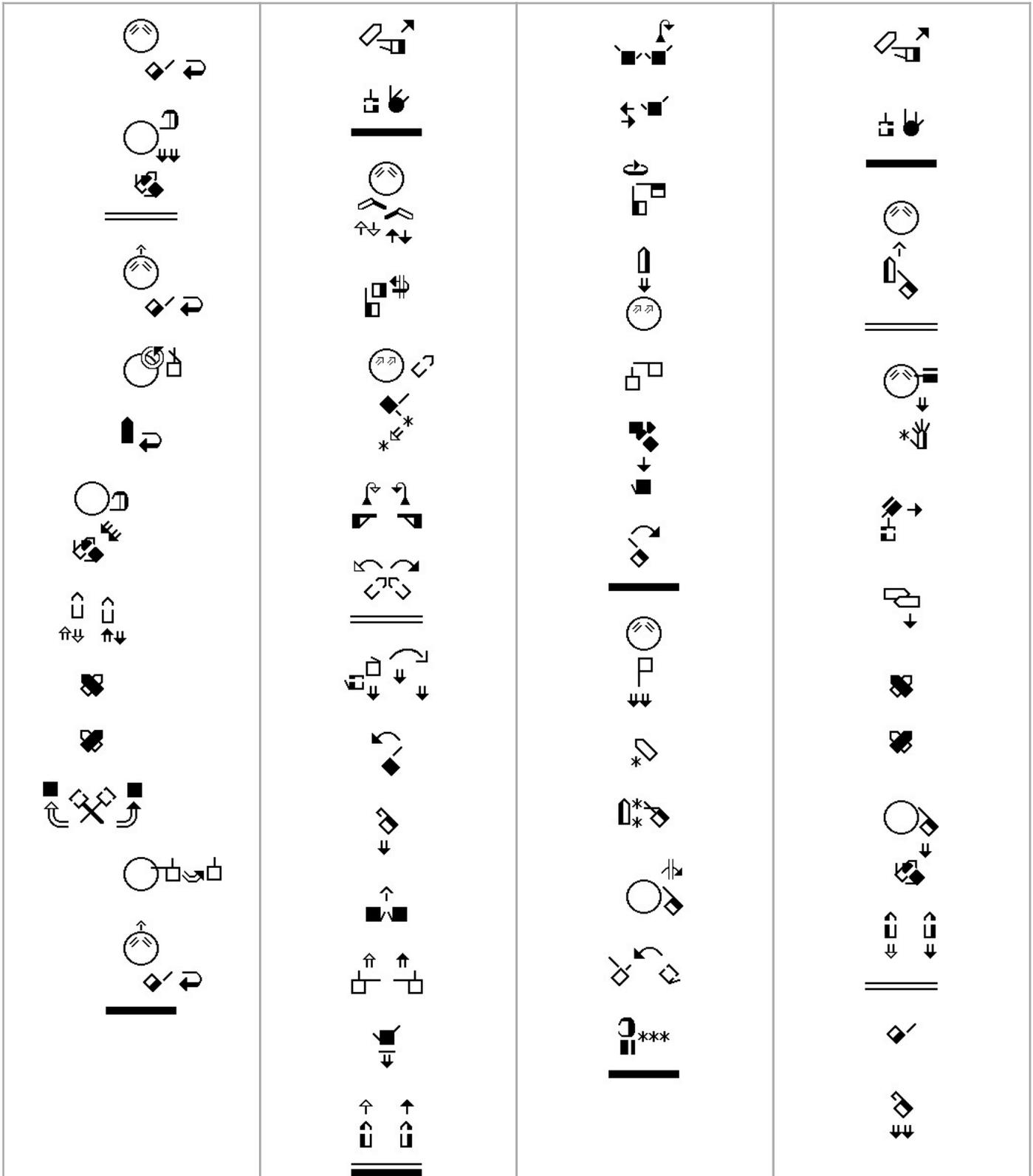
Chapter 7. Now regarding the questions you asked in your letter. Yes, it is good to live a celibate life. Verse 2. But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband. Verse 3. The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. NLT

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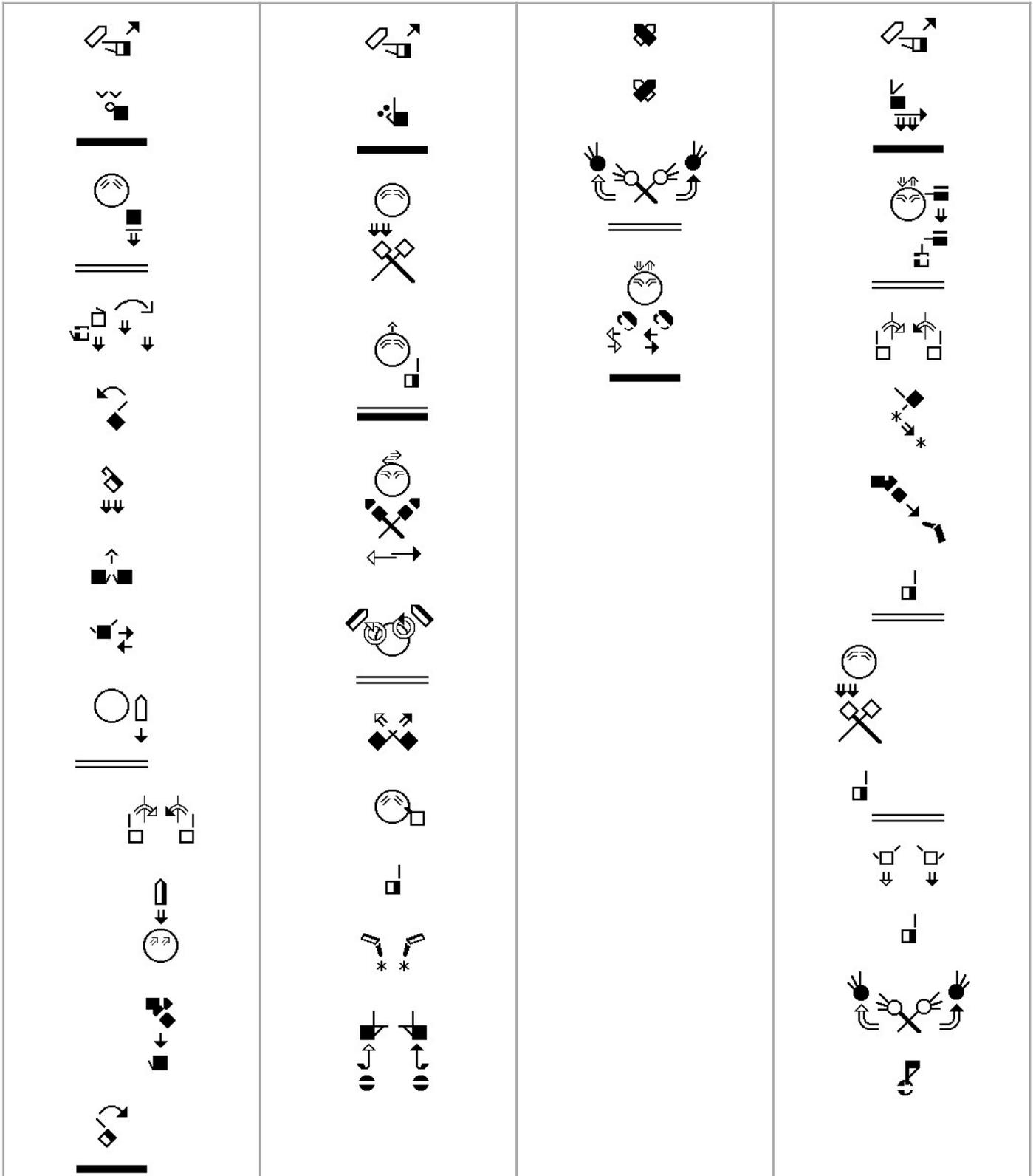
and he is willing to continue living with her, she must not leave him. Verse 14. For the Christian wife brings holiness to her marriage, and the Christian husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise, your children would not be holy, but now they are holy. NLT



Verse 15. (But if the husband or wife who isn't a believer insists on leaving, let them go. In such cases the Christian husband or wife is no longer bound to the other, for God has called you to live in peace.) Verse 16. Don't you wives realize that your husbands might be saved because of you?
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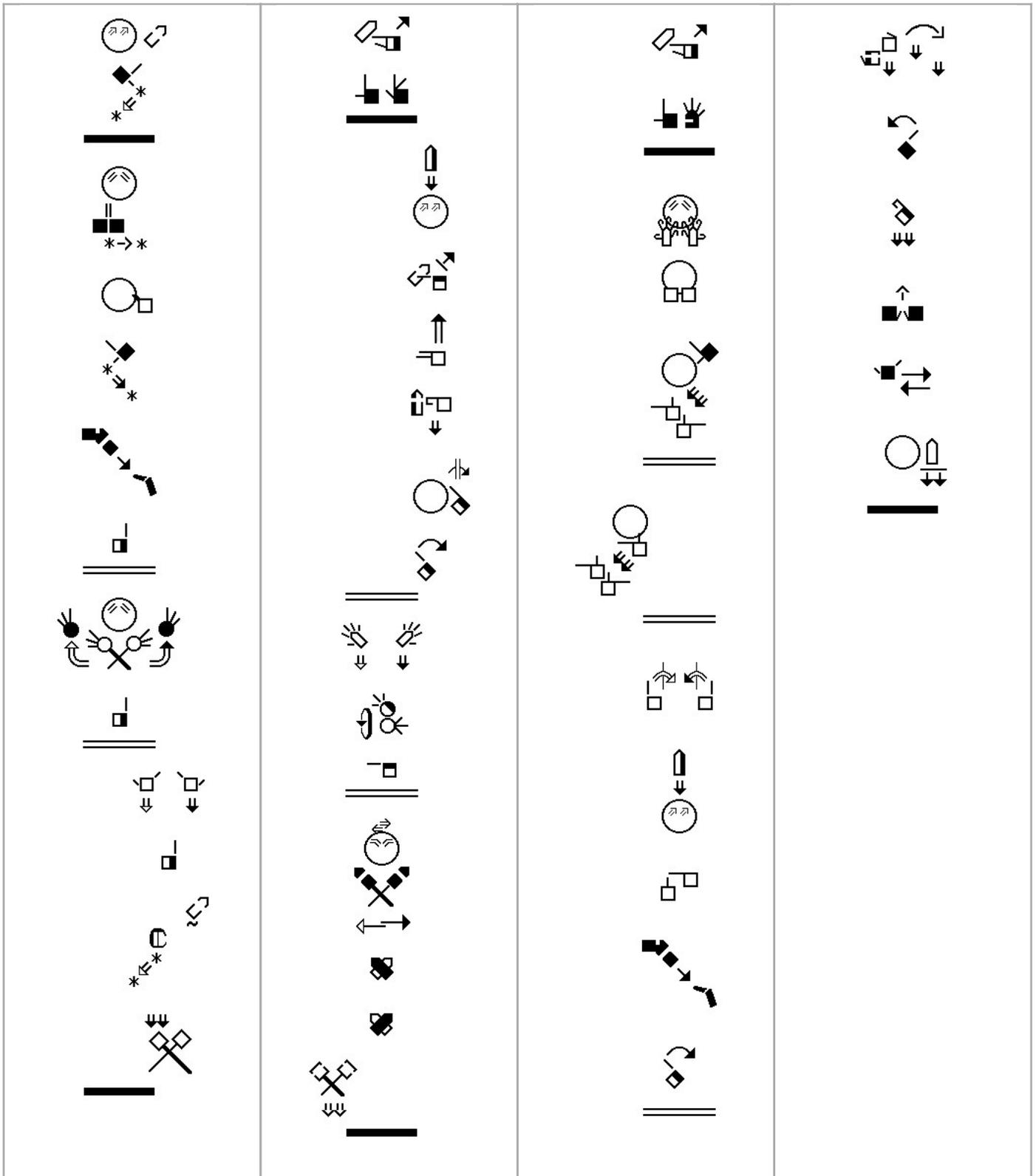


And don't you husbands realize that your wives might be saved because of you? Verse 17. Each of you should continue to live in whatever situation the Lord has placed you, and remain as you were when God first called you. This is my rule for all the churches. Verse 18. For instance, a man who was circumcised before he became a believer should



Verse 20. Yes, each of you should remain as you were when God called you. Verse 21. Are you a slave? Don't let that worry you -- but if you get a chance to be free, take it. Verse 22. And remember, if you were a slave when the Lord called you, you are now free in

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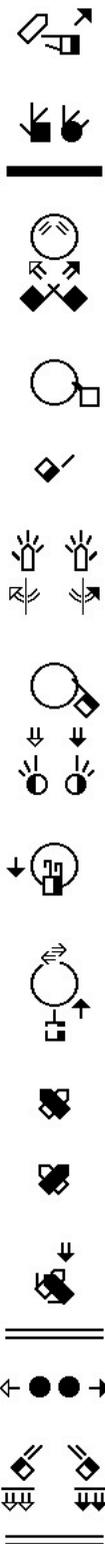
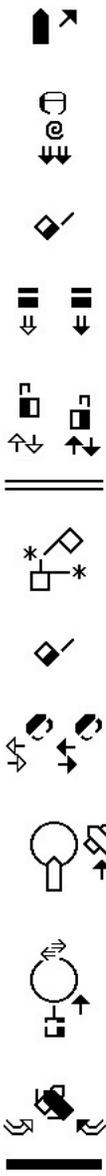
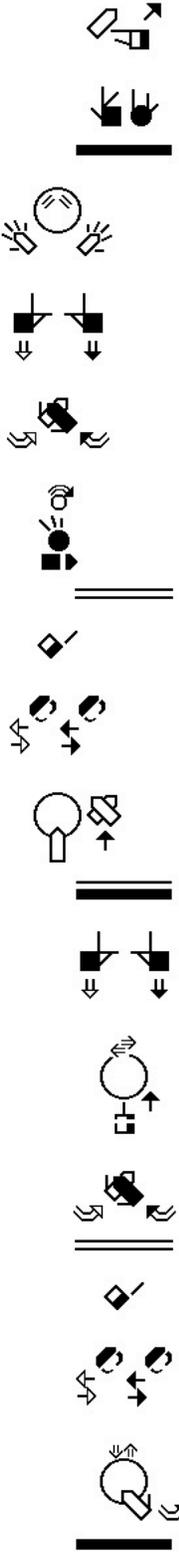
the Lord. And if you were free when the Lord called you, you are now a slave of Christ. Verse 23. God paid a high price for you, so don't be enslaved by the world. Verse 24. Each of you, dear brothers and sisters, should remain as you were when God first called you.

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will have troubles, and I am trying to spare you those problems. Verse 29. But let me say this, dear brothers and sisters: The time that remains is very short. So from now on, those with wives should not focus only on their marriage. Verse 30. Those who weep or who rejoice or who buy things should not be absorbed by their weeping or their joy or their possessions. NLT

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85 a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. Verse 35. I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible. Verse 36. But if a man thinks that he's treating his fiancée improperly NLT

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and will inevitably give in to his passion, let him marry her as he wishes. It is not a sin. Verse 37. But if he has decided firmly not to marry and there is no urgency and he can control his passion, he does well not to marry. Verse 38. So the person who marries his fiancée does well, and the person who doesn't marry does even better. NLT

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Verse 39. A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but only if he loves the Lord. Verse 40. But in my opinion it would be better for her to stay single, and I think I am giving you counsel from God's Spirit when I say this. NLT

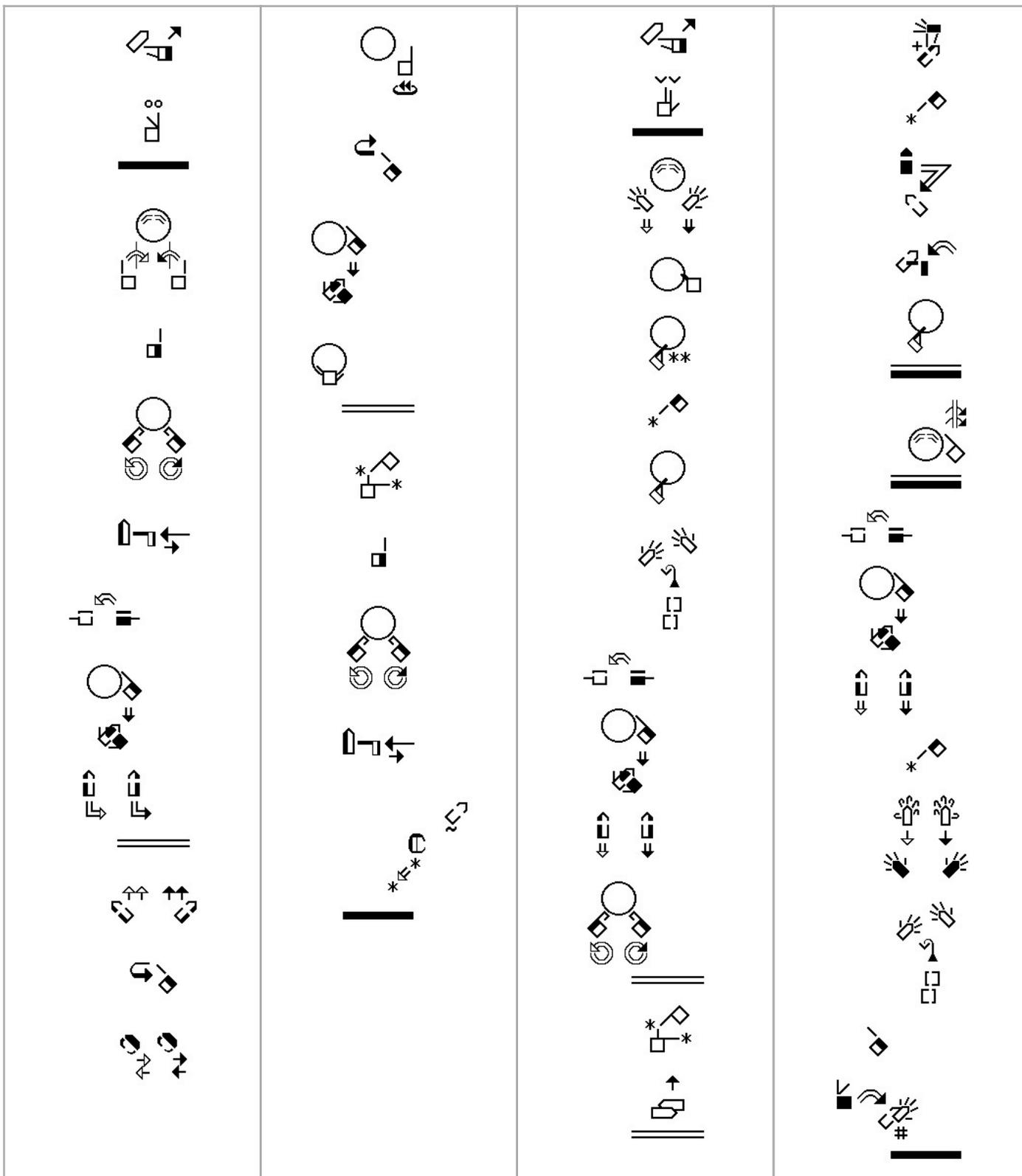
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and some people actually worship many gods and many lords. Verse 6. But we know that there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we live for him. And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything and through whom we have been given life. NLT

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We don't lose anything if we don't eat it, and we don't gain anything if we do. Verse 9. But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble.

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Verse 12. And when you sin against other believers by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong, you are sinning against Christ. Verse 13. So if what I eat causes another believer to sin, I will never eat meat again as long as I live -- for I don't want to cause another believer to stumble. NLT

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Chapter 9. Am I not as free as anyone else? Am I not an apostle? Haven't I seen Jesus our Lord with my own eyes? Isn't it because of my work that you belong to the Lord? Verse 2. Even if others think I am not an apostle, NLT

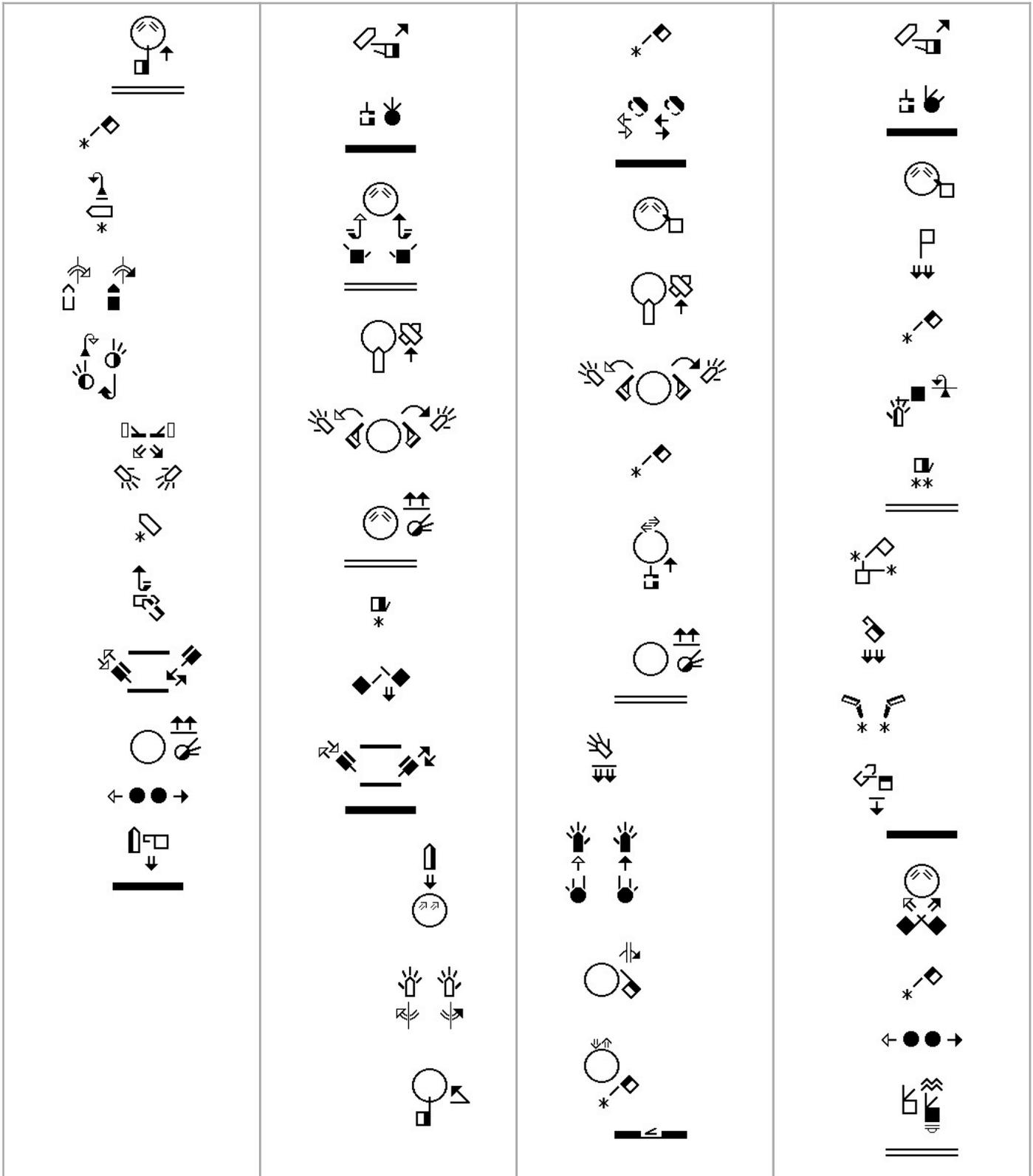
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I certainly am to you. You yourselves are proof that I am the Lord's apostle. Verse 3. This is my answer to those who question my authority. Verse 4. Don't we have the right to live in your homes and share your meals? Verse 5. Don't we have the right to bring a Christian wife with us

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What shepherd cares for a flock of sheep and isn't allowed to drink some of the milk? Verse 8. Am I expressing merely a human opinion, or does the law say the same thing? Verse 9. For the law of Moses says, "You must not muzzle an ox to keep it from eating as it treads out the grain." Was God thinking only about oxen when he said this? NLT

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| <p>99</p> | <p>Verse 10. Wasn't he actually speaking to us? Yes, it was written for us, so that the one who plows and the one who threshes the grain might both expect a share of the harvest. Verse 11. Since we have planted spiritual seed among you, aren't we entitled to a harvest of physical food and drink? NLT</p> | | |



In fact, I would rather die than lose my right to boast about preaching without charge. Verse 16. Yet preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News! Verse 17. If I were doing this on my own initiative, I would deserve payment. But I have no choice,

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have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. Verse 20. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law.

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105 Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. Verse 21. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. NLT

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Chapter 10. I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. Verse 2. In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. NLT

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Verse 8. And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day. Verse 9. Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did and then died from snakebites.

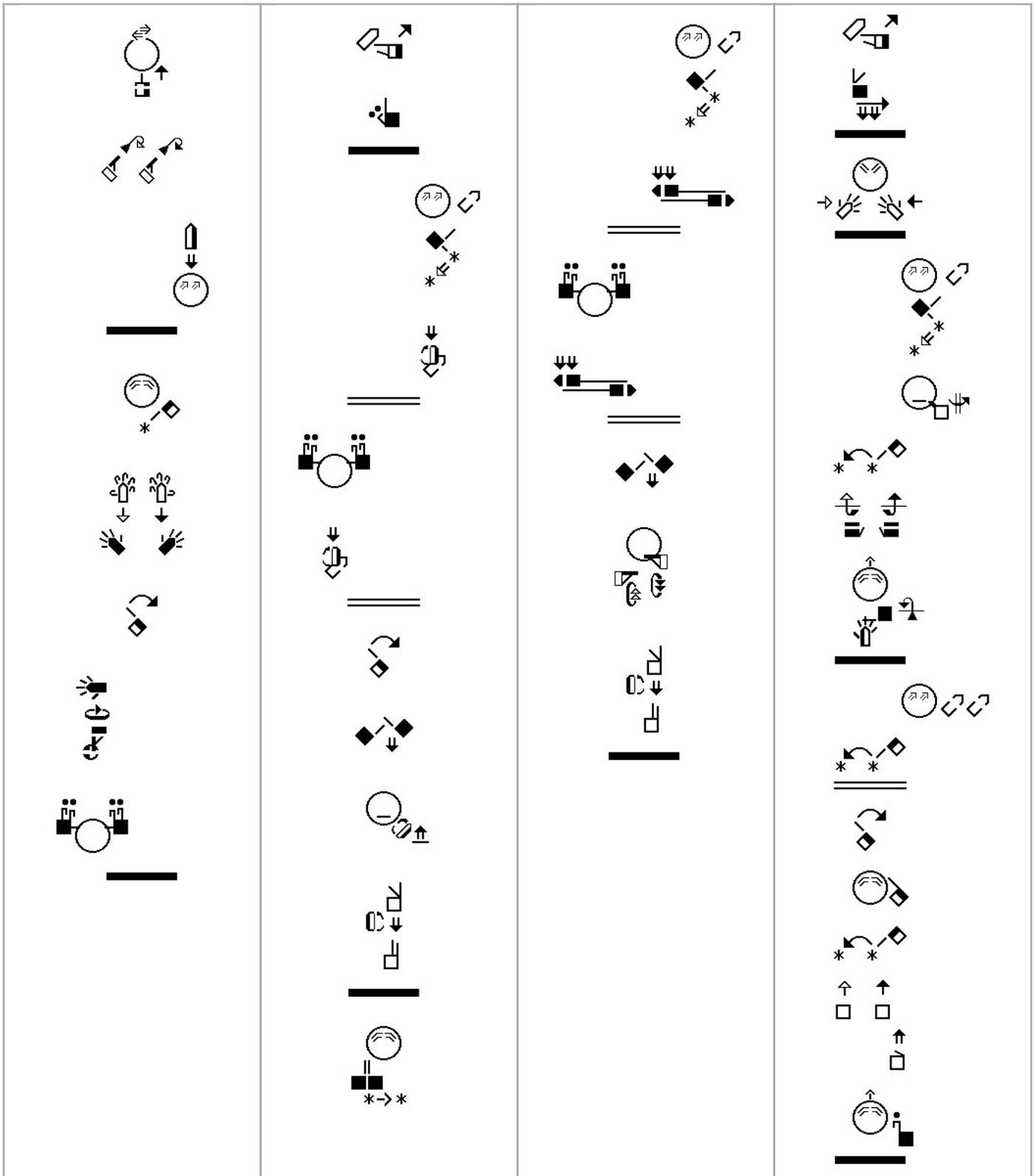
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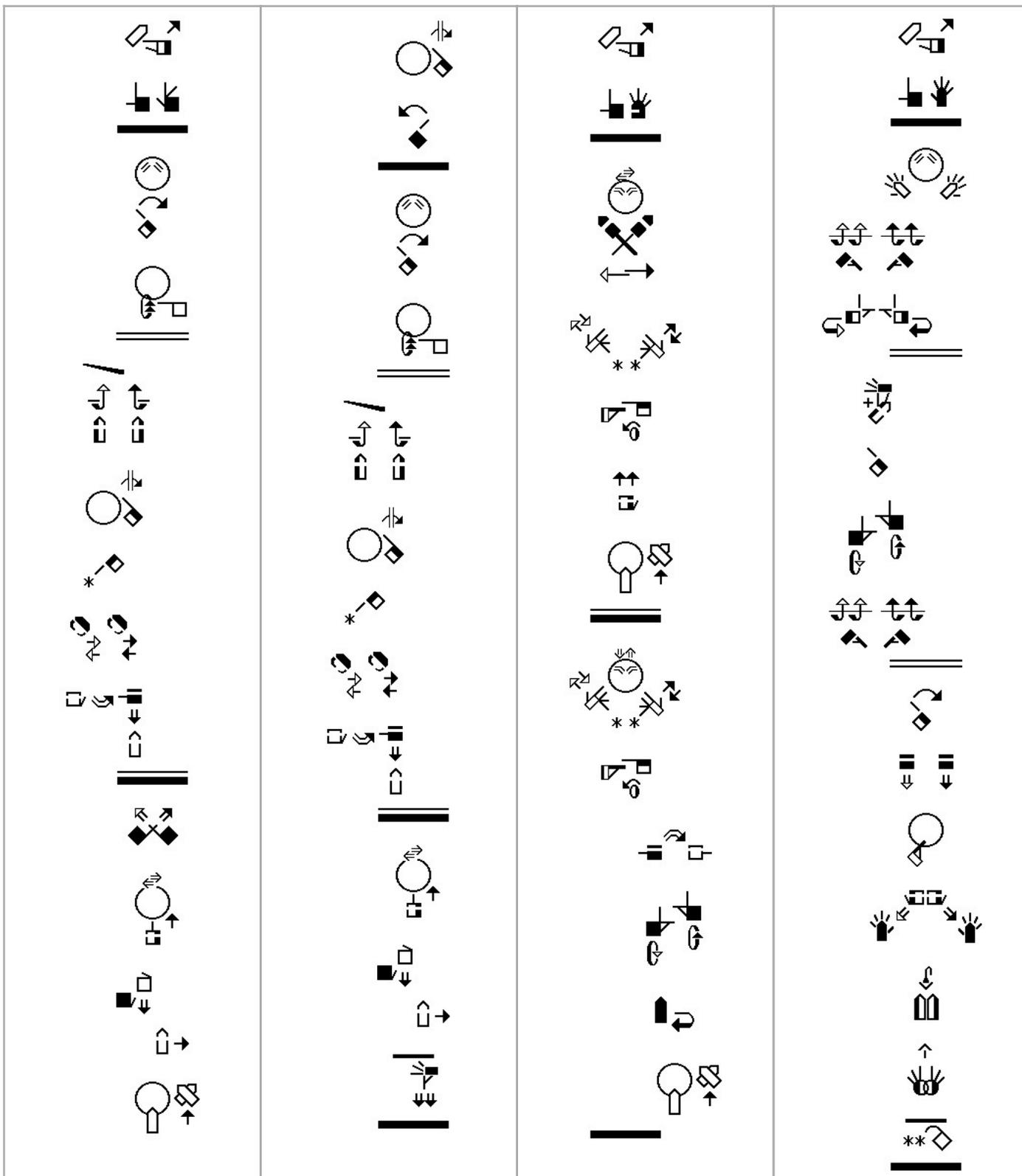
Verse 10. And don't grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. Verse 11. These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age. Verse 12. If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. NLT

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Verse 18. Think about the people of Israel. Weren't they united by eating the sacrifices at the altar? Verse 19. What am I trying to say? Am I saying that food offered to idols has some significance, or that idols are real gods? Verse 20. No, not at all. I am saying that these sacrifices are offered to demons,
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117 not to God. And I don't want you to participate with demons. Verse 21. You cannot drink from the cup of the Lord and from the cup of demons, too. You cannot eat at the Lord's Table and at the table of demons, too. Verse 22. What? Do we dare to rouse the Lord's jealousy? Do you think we are stronger than he is? NLT



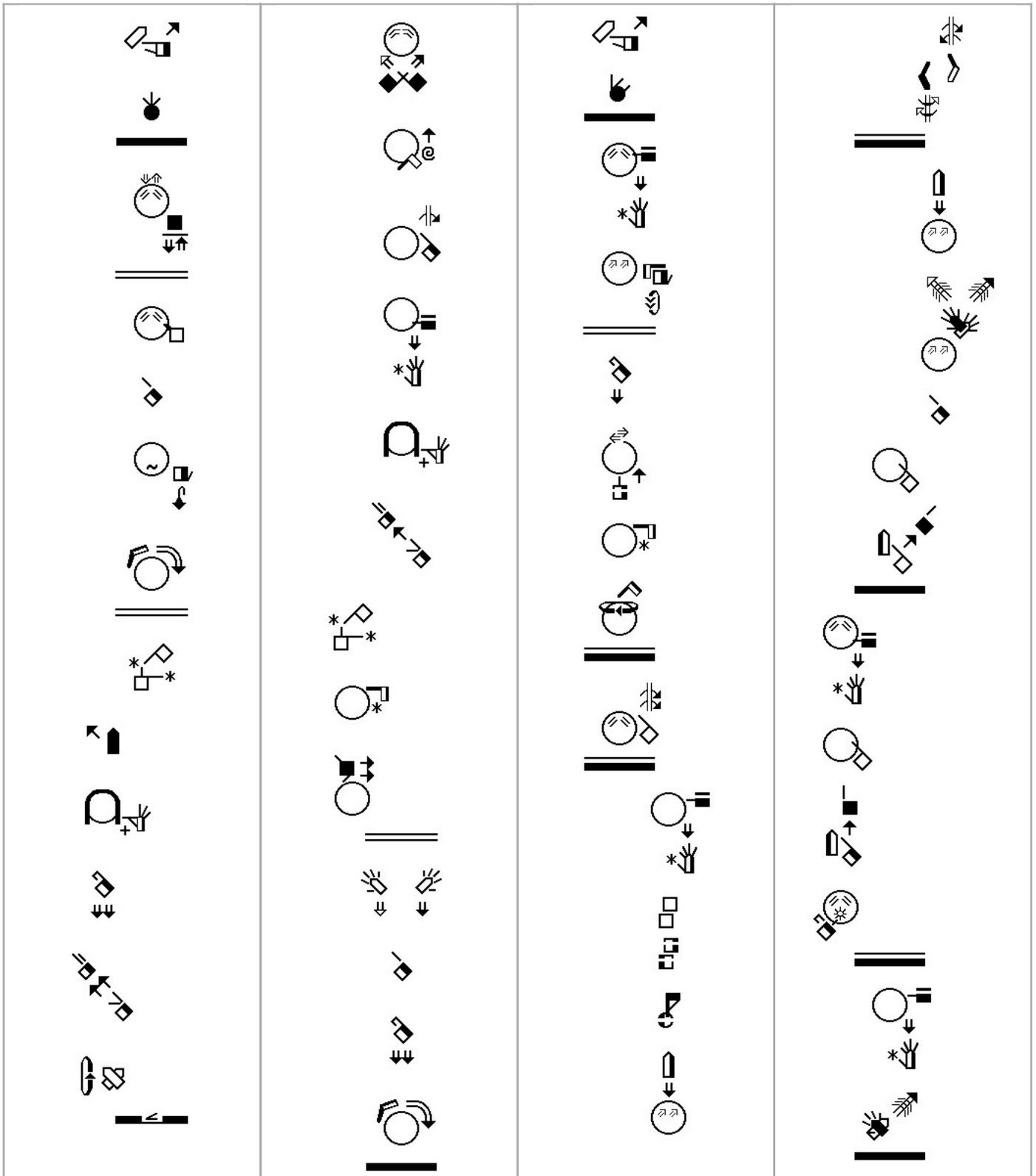
Verse 23. You say, "I am allowed to do anything" -- but not everything is good for you. You say, "I am allowed to do anything" -- but not everything is beneficial. Verse 24. Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others. Verse 25. So you may eat any meat that is sold in the marketplace without raising questions of conscience. NLT

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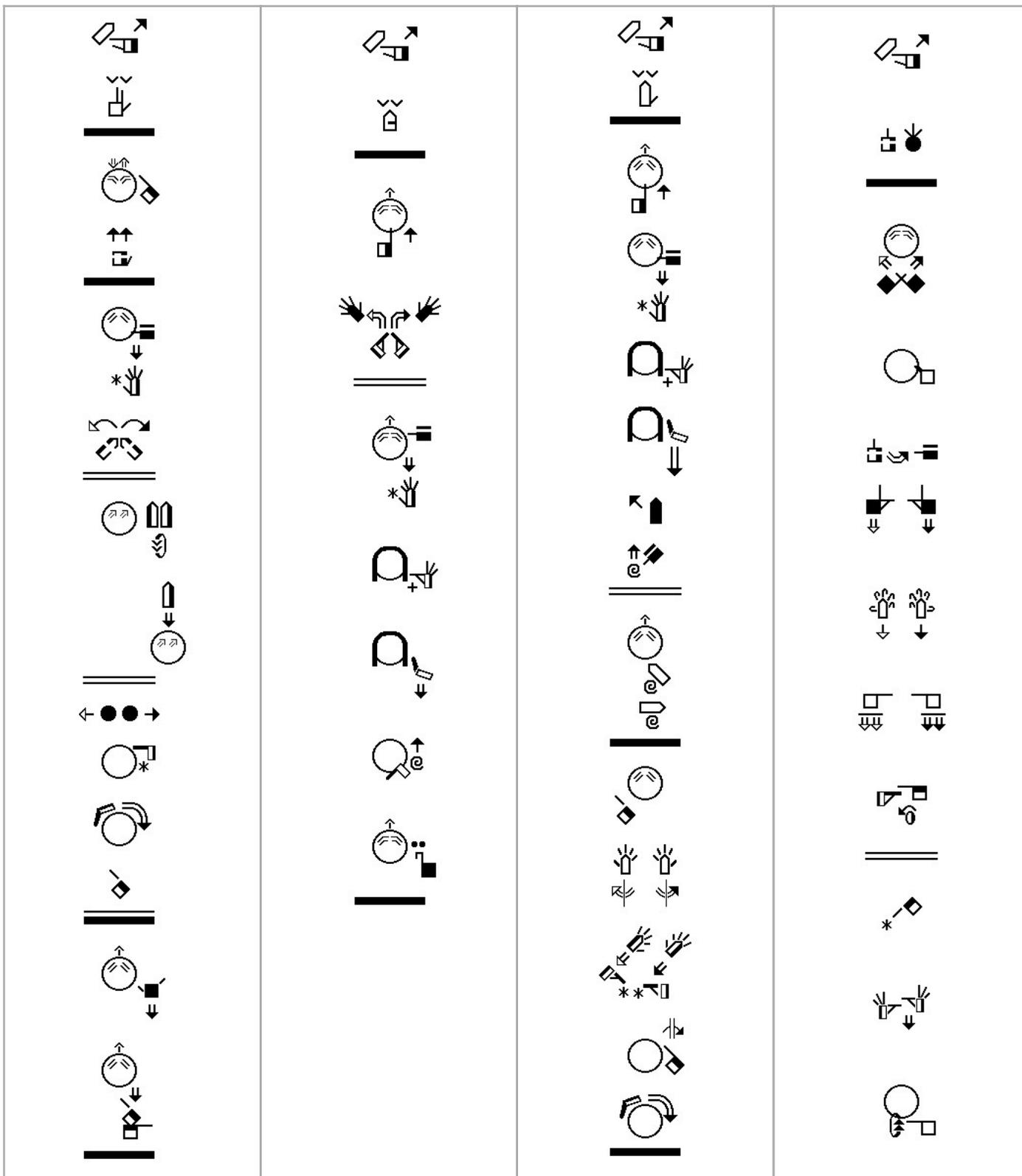
Verse 26. For "the earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it." Verse 27. If someone who isn't a believer asks you home for dinner, accept the invitation if you want to. Eat whatever is offered to you without raising questions of conscience. Verse 28. (But suppose someone tells you, "This meat was offered to an idol." NLT

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Chapter 11. And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ. Verse 2. I am so glad that you always keep me in your thoughts, and that you are following the teachings I passed on to you. Verse 3. But there is one thing I want you to know: The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. NLT



Verse 6. Yes, if she refuses to wear a head covering, she should cut off all her hair! But since it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut or her head shaved, she should wear a covering. Verse 7. A man should not wear anything on his head when worshiping, for man is made in God's image and reflects God's glory. And woman reflects man's glory. NLT



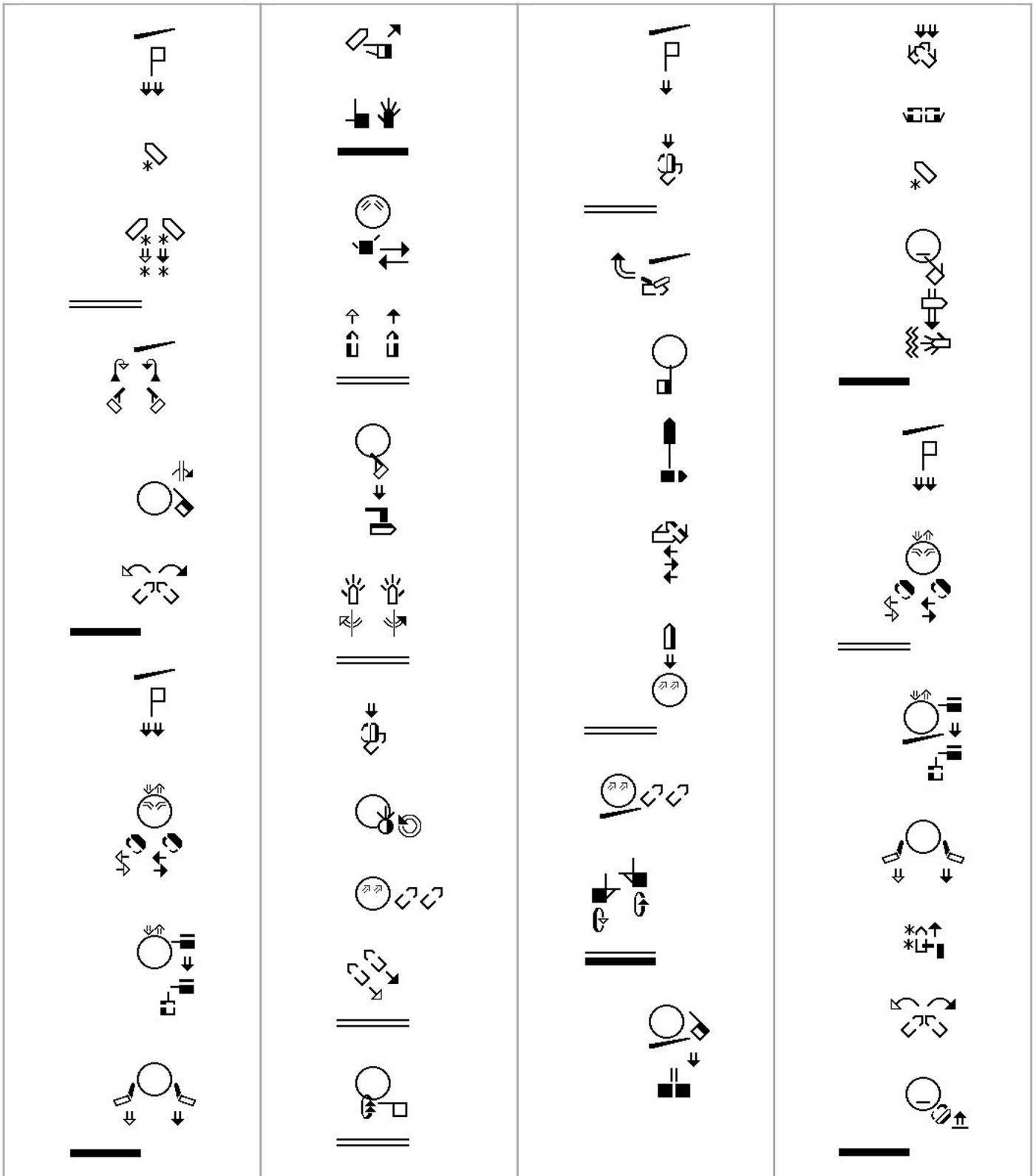
Verse 13. Judge for yourselves. Is it right for a woman to pray to God in public without covering her head? Verse 14. Isn't it obvious that it's disgraceful for a man to have long hair? Verse 15. And isn't long hair a woman's pride and joy? For it has been given to her as a covering. Verse 16. But if anyone wants to argue about this, I simply say NLT

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that we have no other custom than this, and neither do God's other churches. Verse 17. But in the following instructions, I cannot praise you. For it sounds as if more harm than good is done when you meet together. Verse 18. First, I hear that there are divisions among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it. NLT

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131 As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk. Verse 22. What? Don't you have your own homes for eating and drinking? Or do you really want to disgrace God's church and shame the poor? What am I supposed to say? Do you want me to praise you? NLT



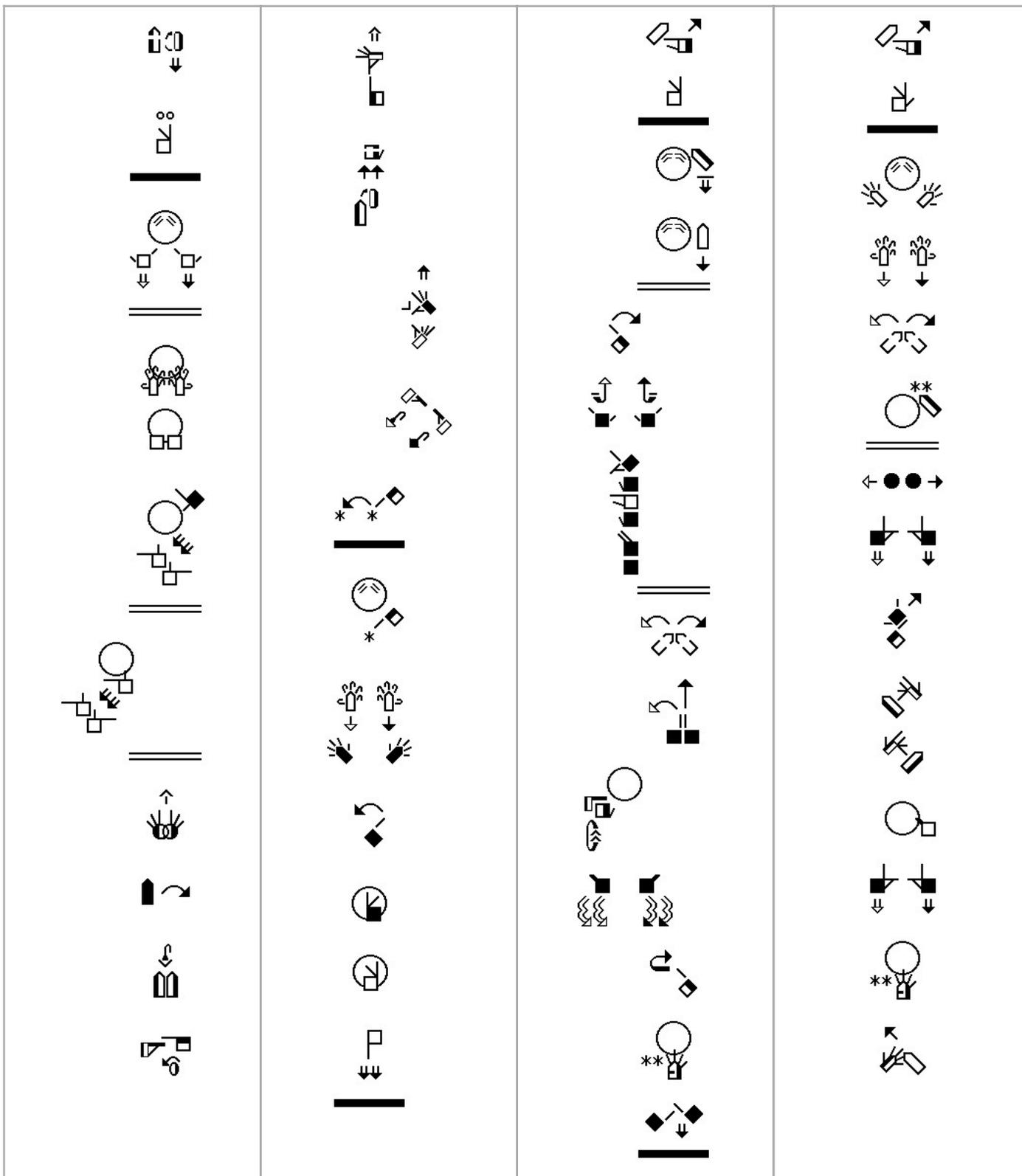
"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." Verse 25. In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people -- an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it." NLT

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Verse 26. For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again. Verse 27. So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. NLT

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Chapter 12. Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this. Verse 2. You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshipping speechless idols. Verse 3. So I want you know that no one speaking by NLT

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139 the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit. Verse 4. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. Verse 5. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. Verse 6. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. NLT

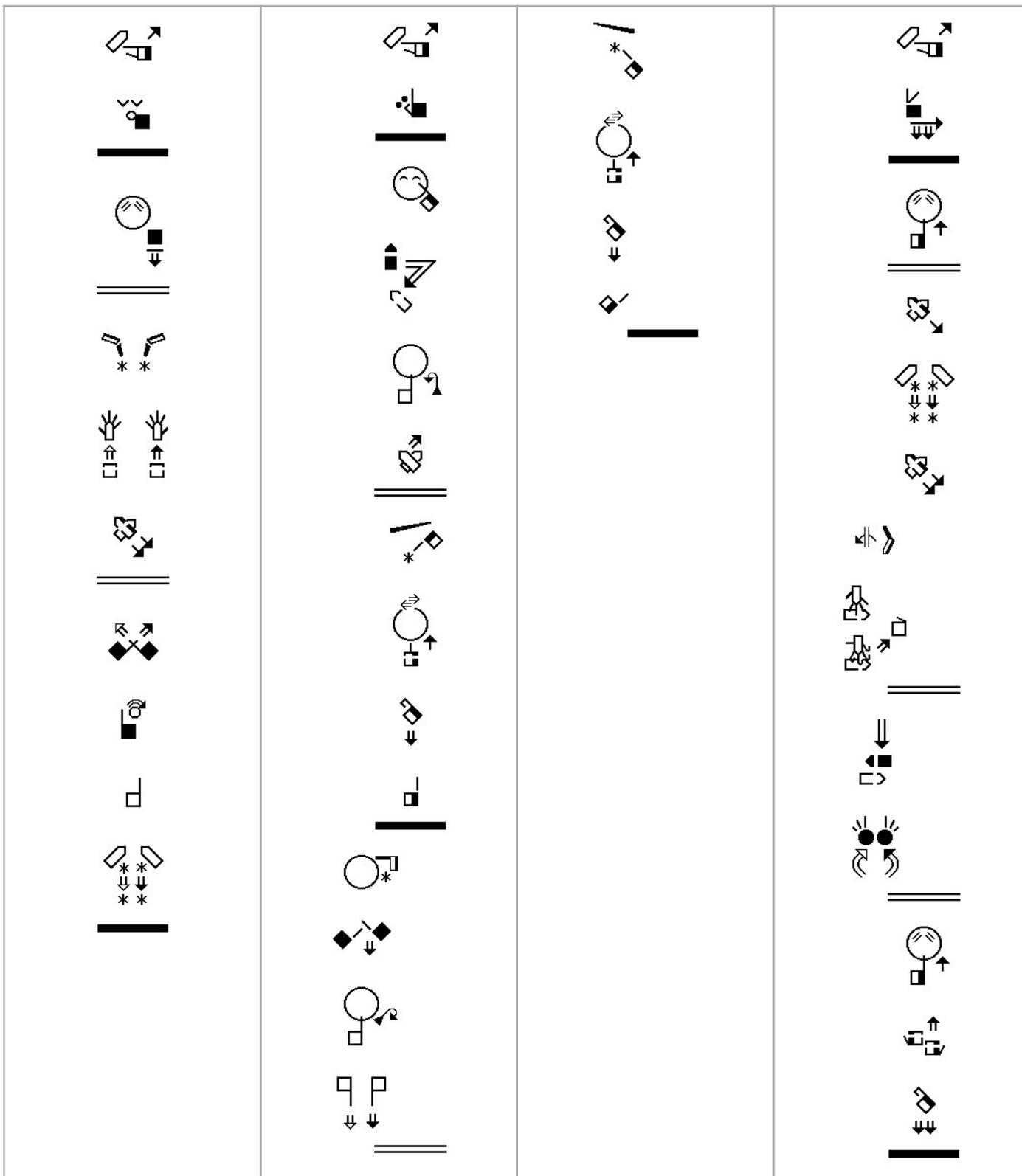
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the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. Verse 10. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another

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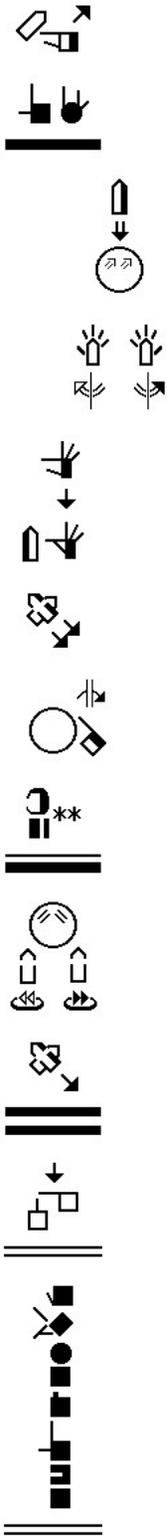
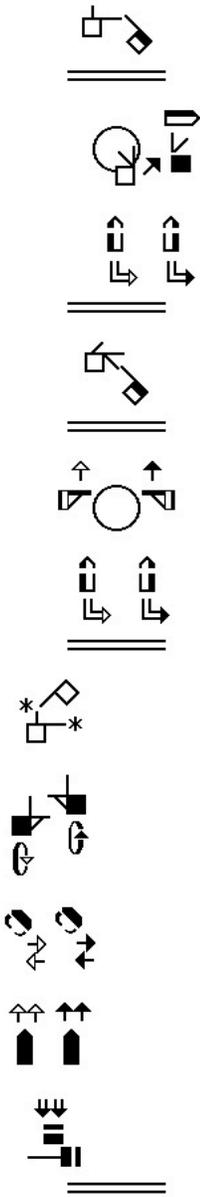
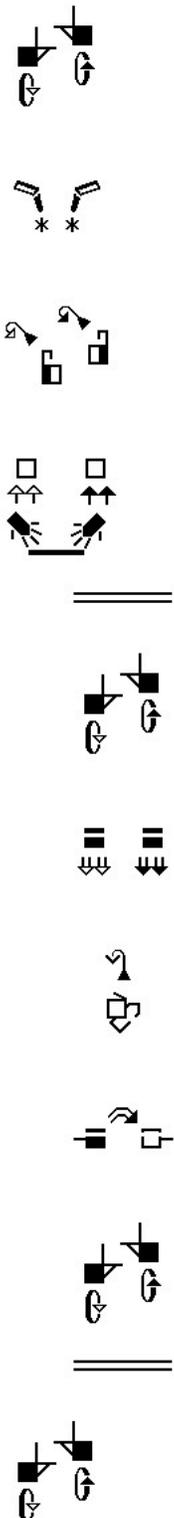
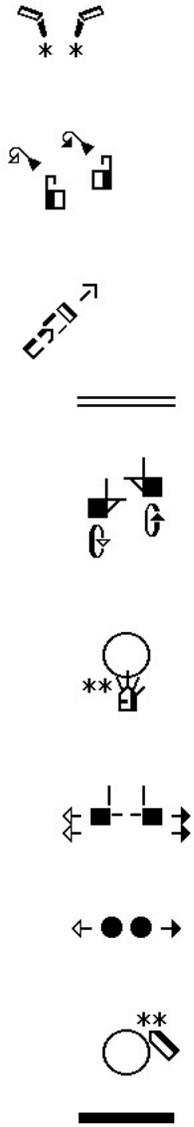
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is given the ability to interpret what is being said. Verse 11. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. Verse 12. The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up



Verse 20. Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. Verse 21. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." Verse 22. In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.

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Verse 28. Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church: first are apostles, second are prophets, third are teachers, then those who do miracles, those who have the gift of healing, those who can help others, those who have the gift of leadership, those who speak in unknown languages.

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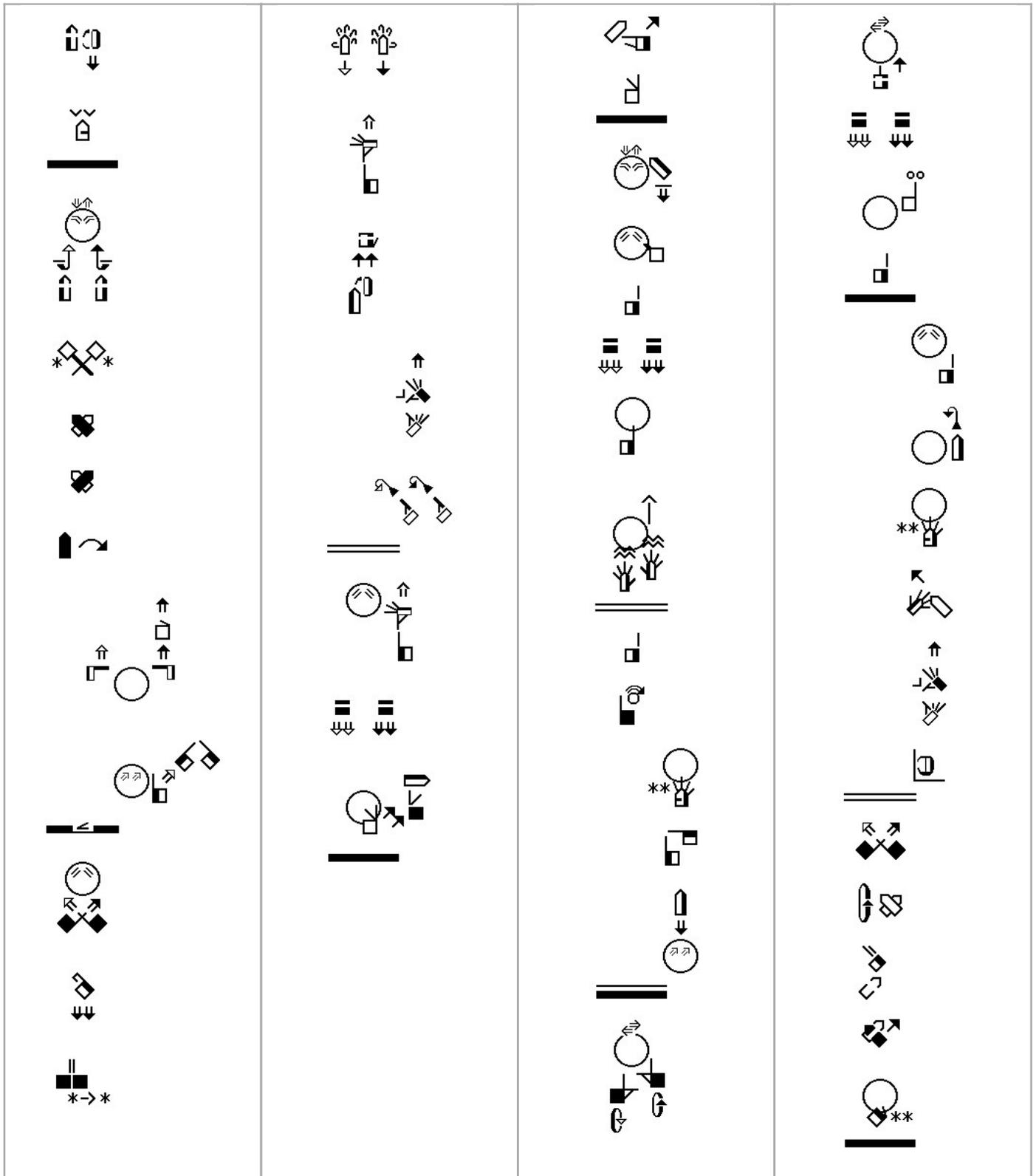
Verse 29. Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? Verse 30. Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not!
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153 and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. Verse 3. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, NLT

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But love will last forever! Verse 9. Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! Verse 10. But when full understanding comes, these partial things will become useless. NLT



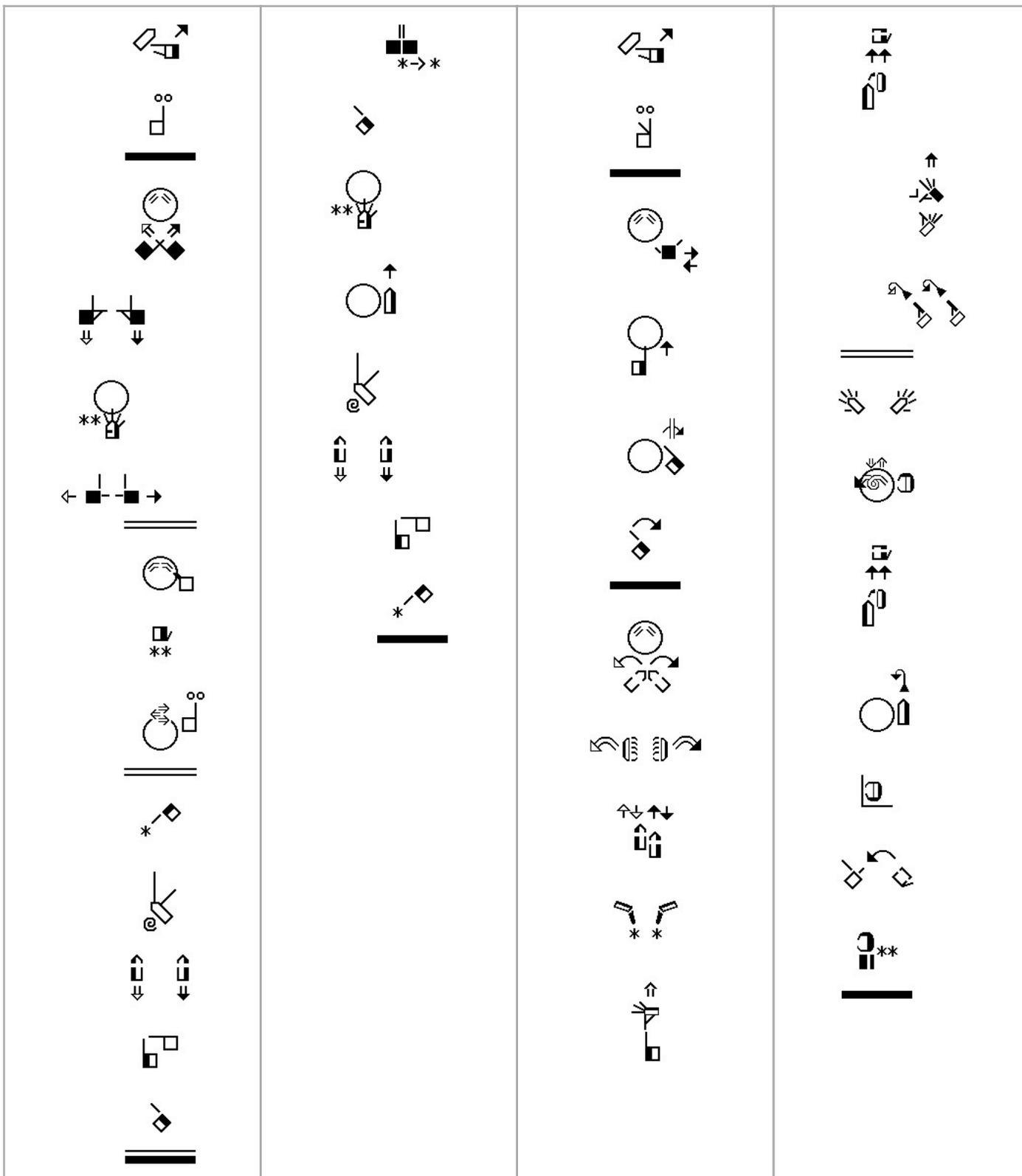
159 Chapter 14. Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives -- especially the ability to prophesy. Verse 2. For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be 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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161 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

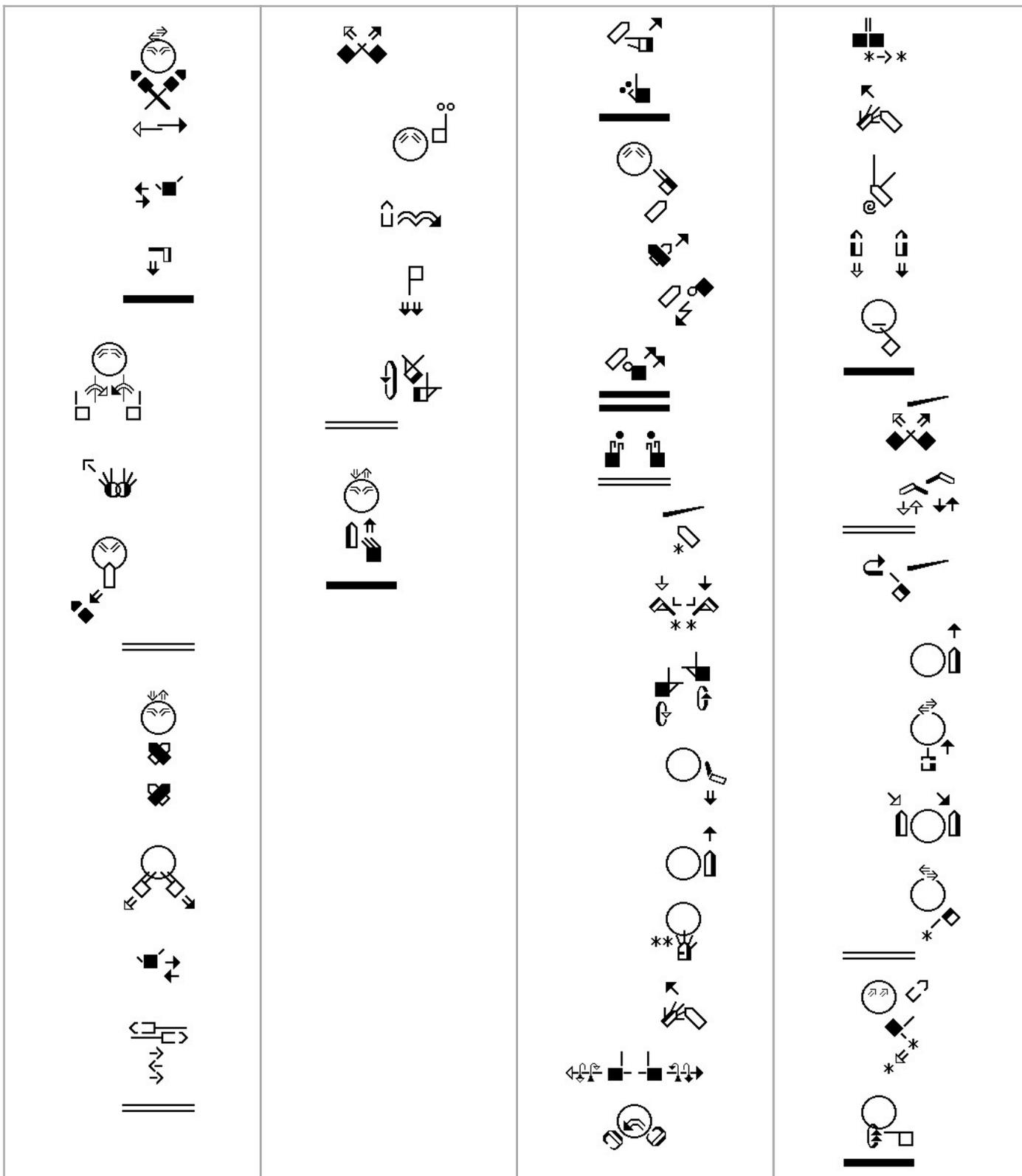


Verse 11. But if I don't understand a language, I will be a foreigner to someone who speaks it, and the one who speaks it will be a foreigner to me. Verse 12. And the same is true for you. Since you are so eager to have the special abilities the Spirit gives, seek those that will strengthen the whole church.

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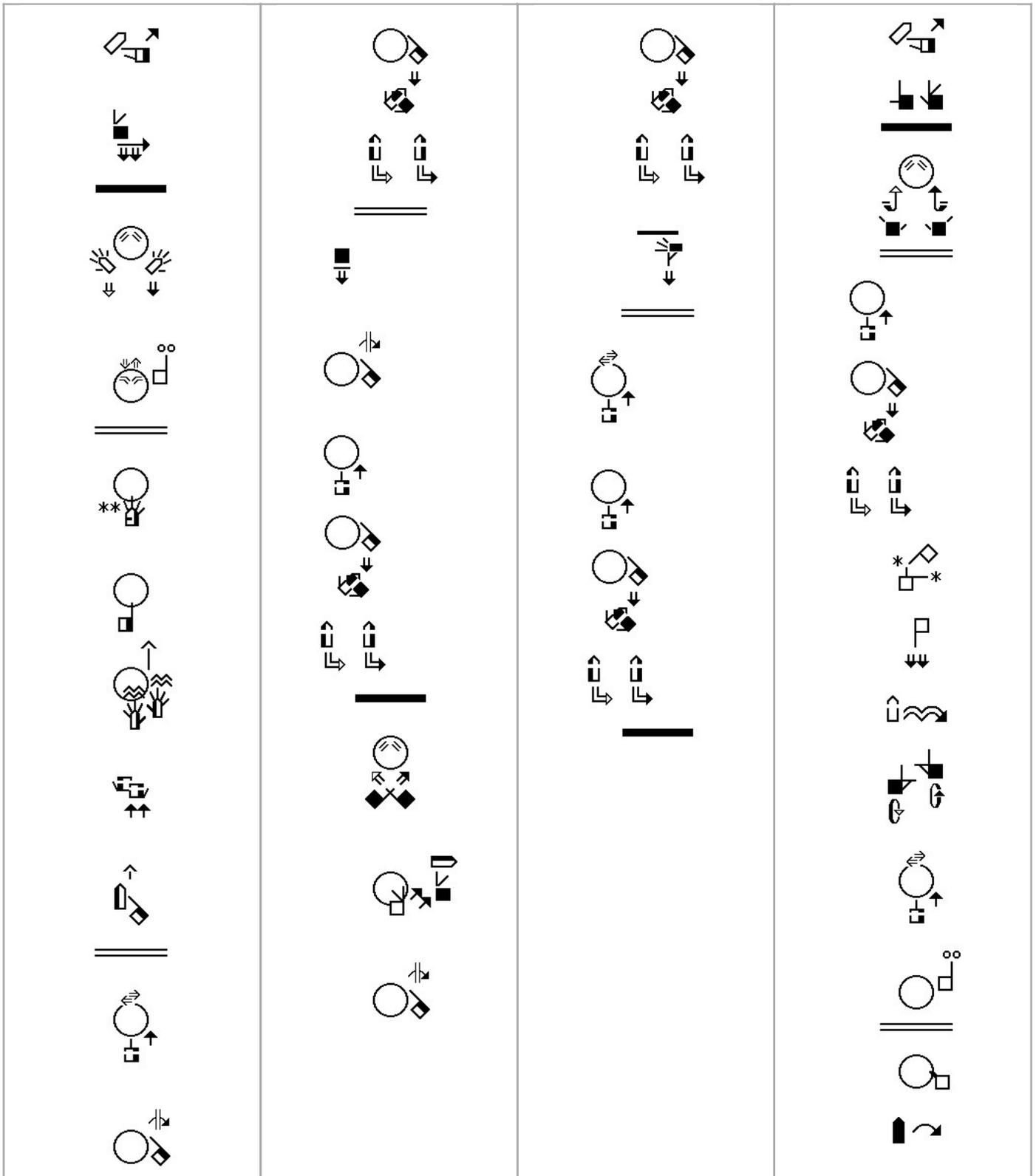
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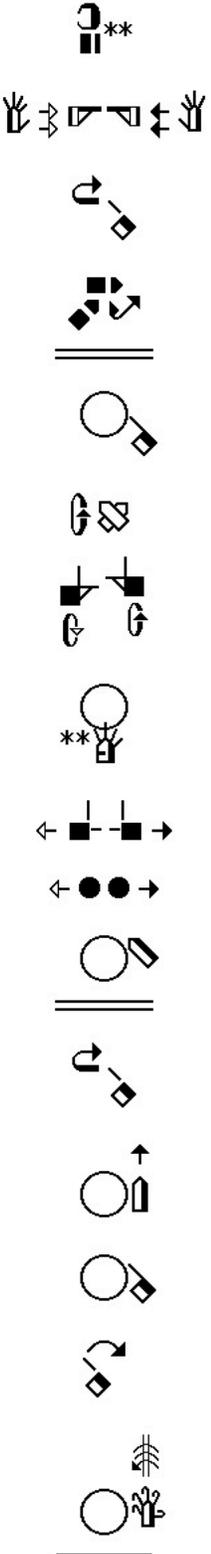
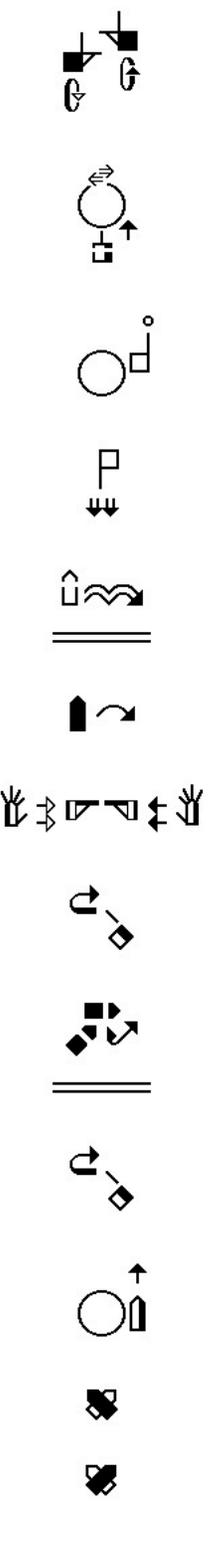
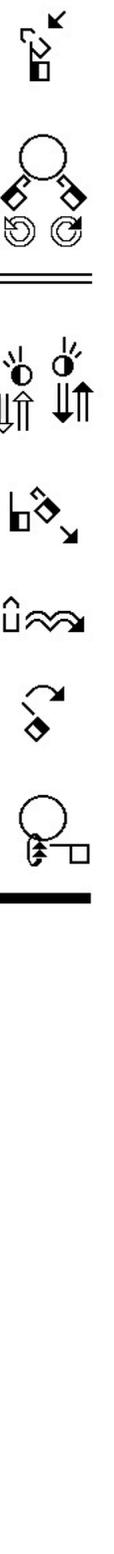


Be innocent as babies when it comes to evil, but be mature in understanding matters of this kind. Verse 21. It is written in the Scriptures: "I will speak to my own people through strange languages and through the lips of foreigners. But even then, they will not listen to me," says the LORD.

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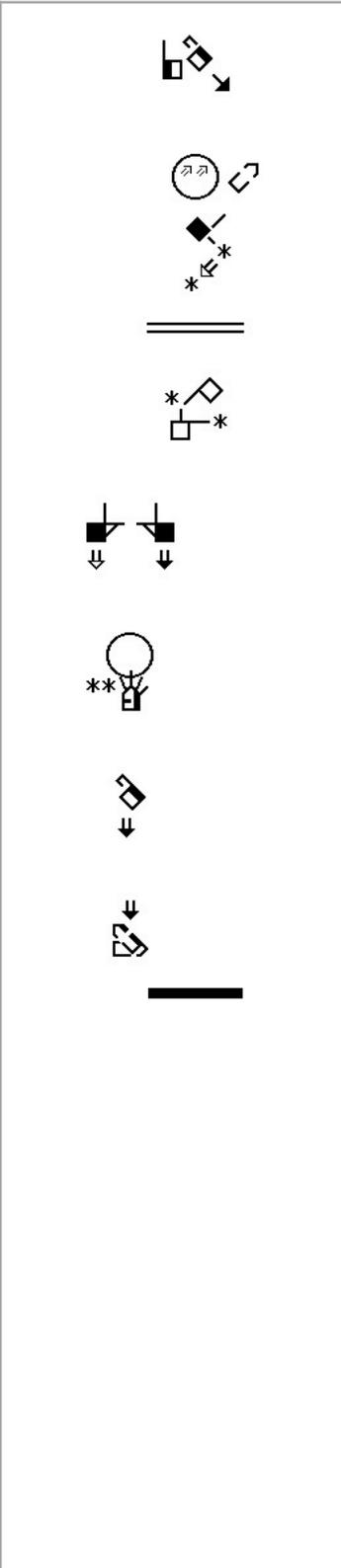
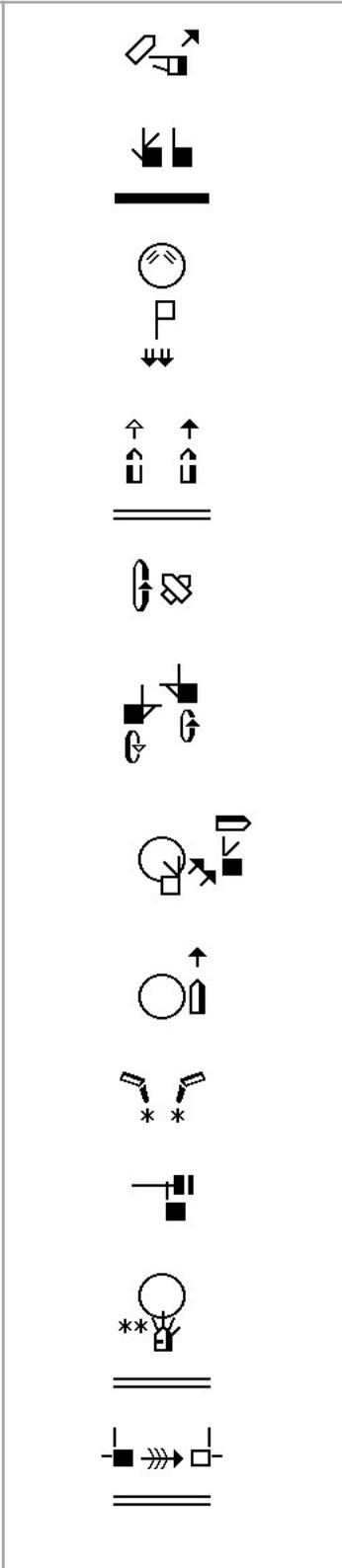
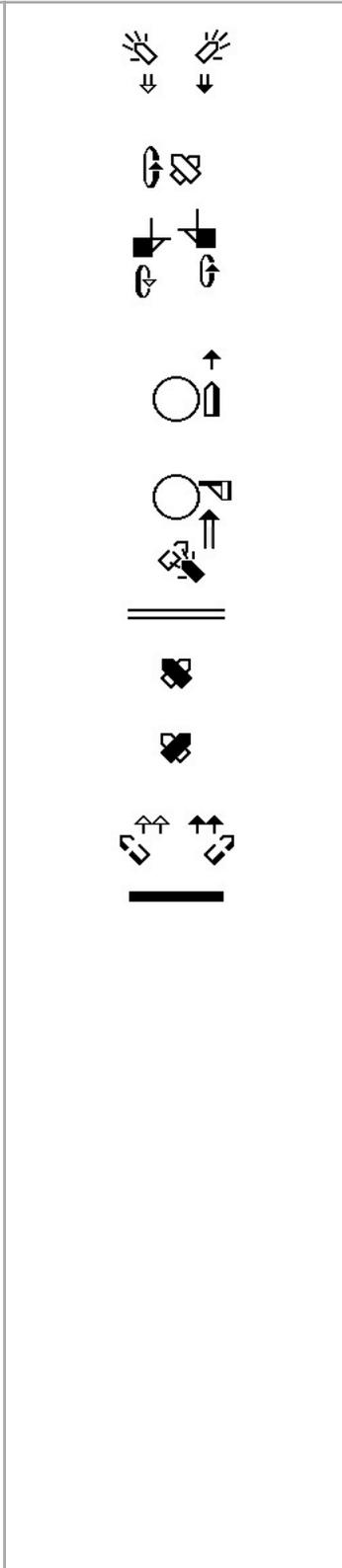
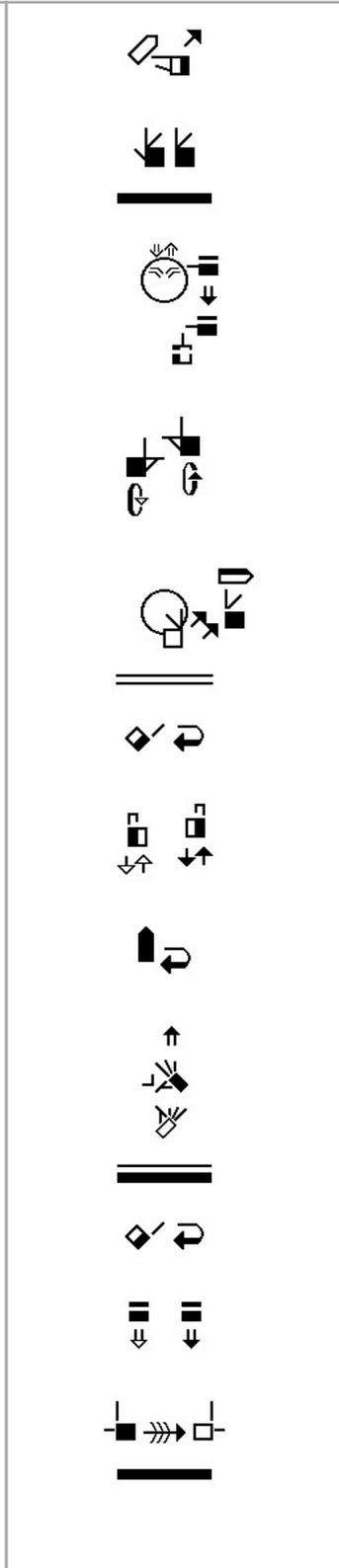
169 Verse 22. So you see that speaking in tongues is a sign, not for believers, but for unbelievers. Prophecy, however, is for the benefit of believers, not unbelievers. Verse 23. Even so, if unbelievers or people who don't understand these things NLT

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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,

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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.

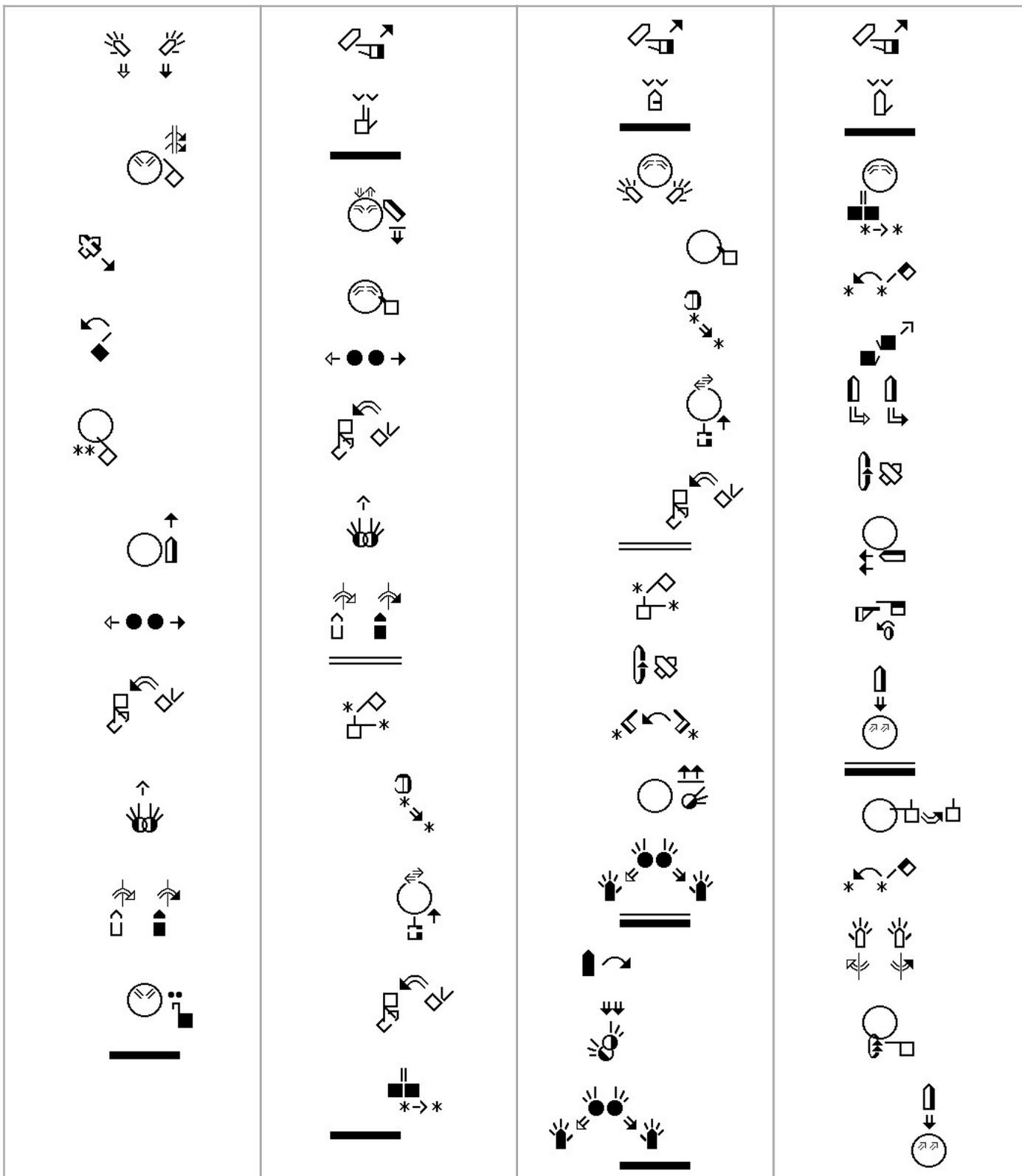
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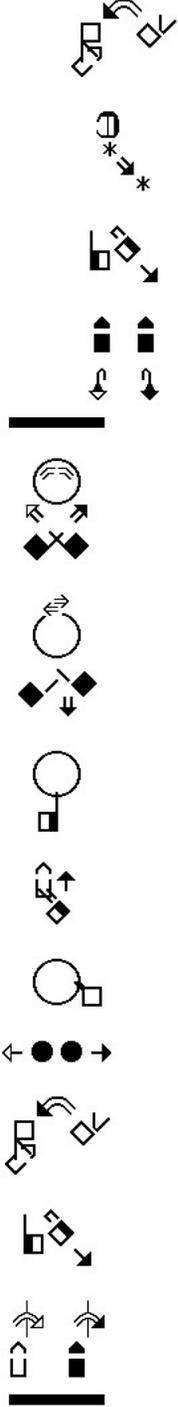
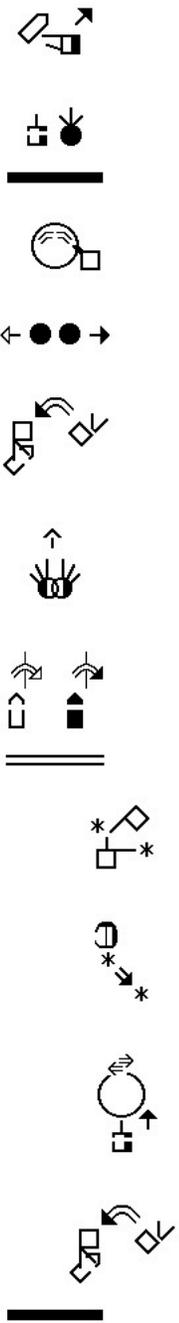
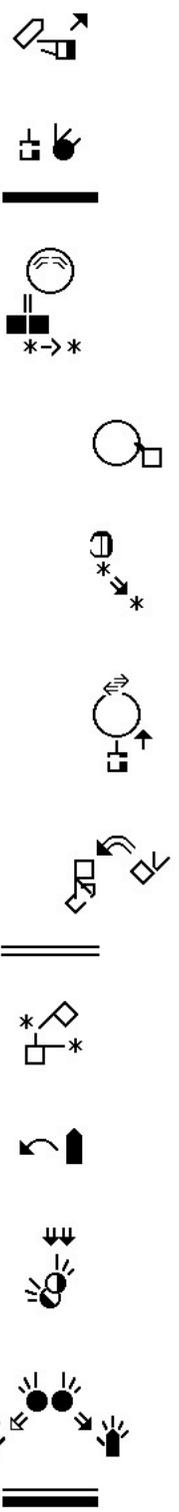
180 Verse 3. I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. Verse 4. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. Verse 5. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. NLT

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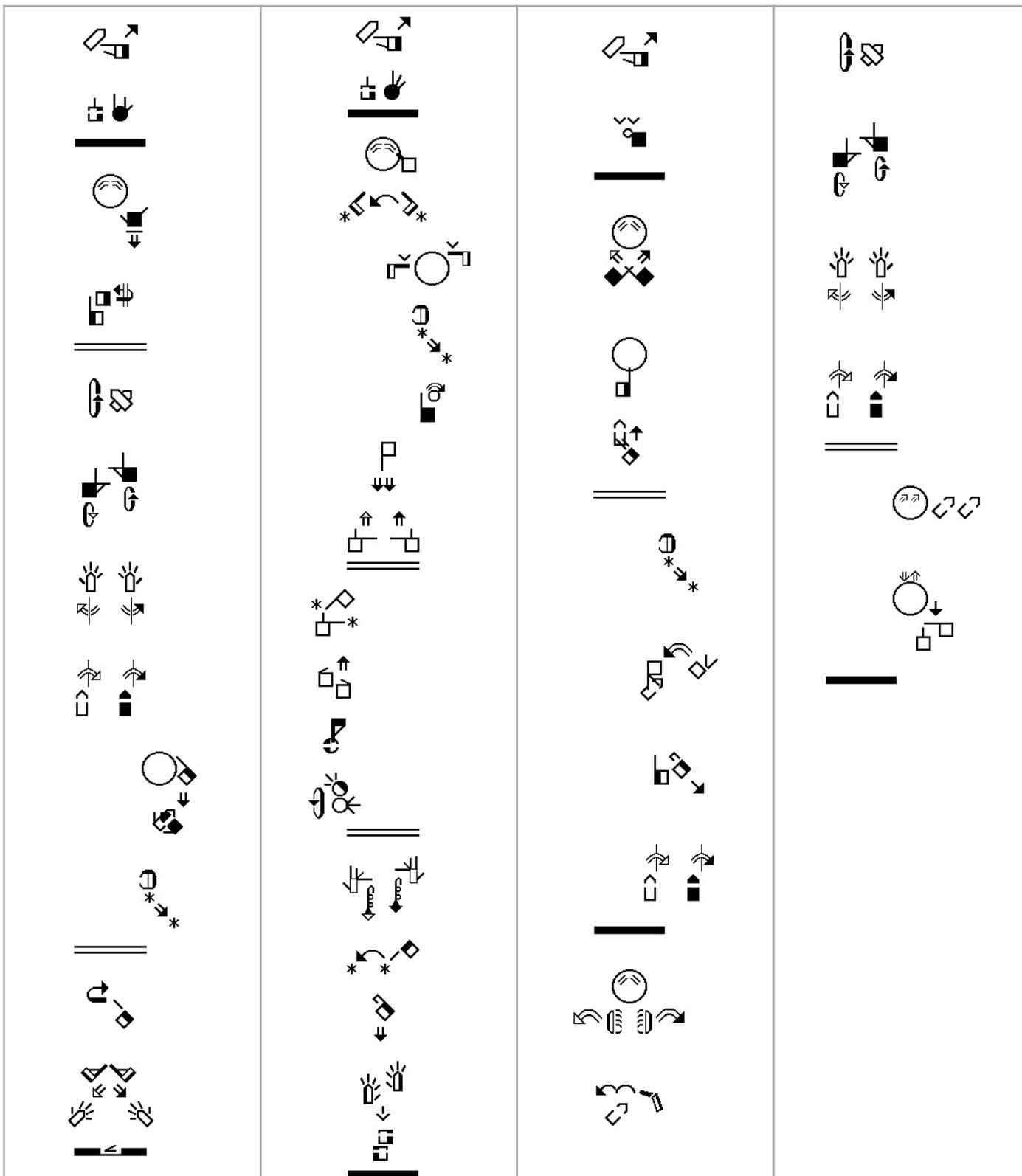
yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace. Verse 11. So it makes no difference whether I preach or they preach, for we all preach the same message you have already believed. Verse 12. But tell me this -- since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, NLT



why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? Verse 13. For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. Verse 14. And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. Verse 15. And we apostles would all be lying about God -- for we have said that God

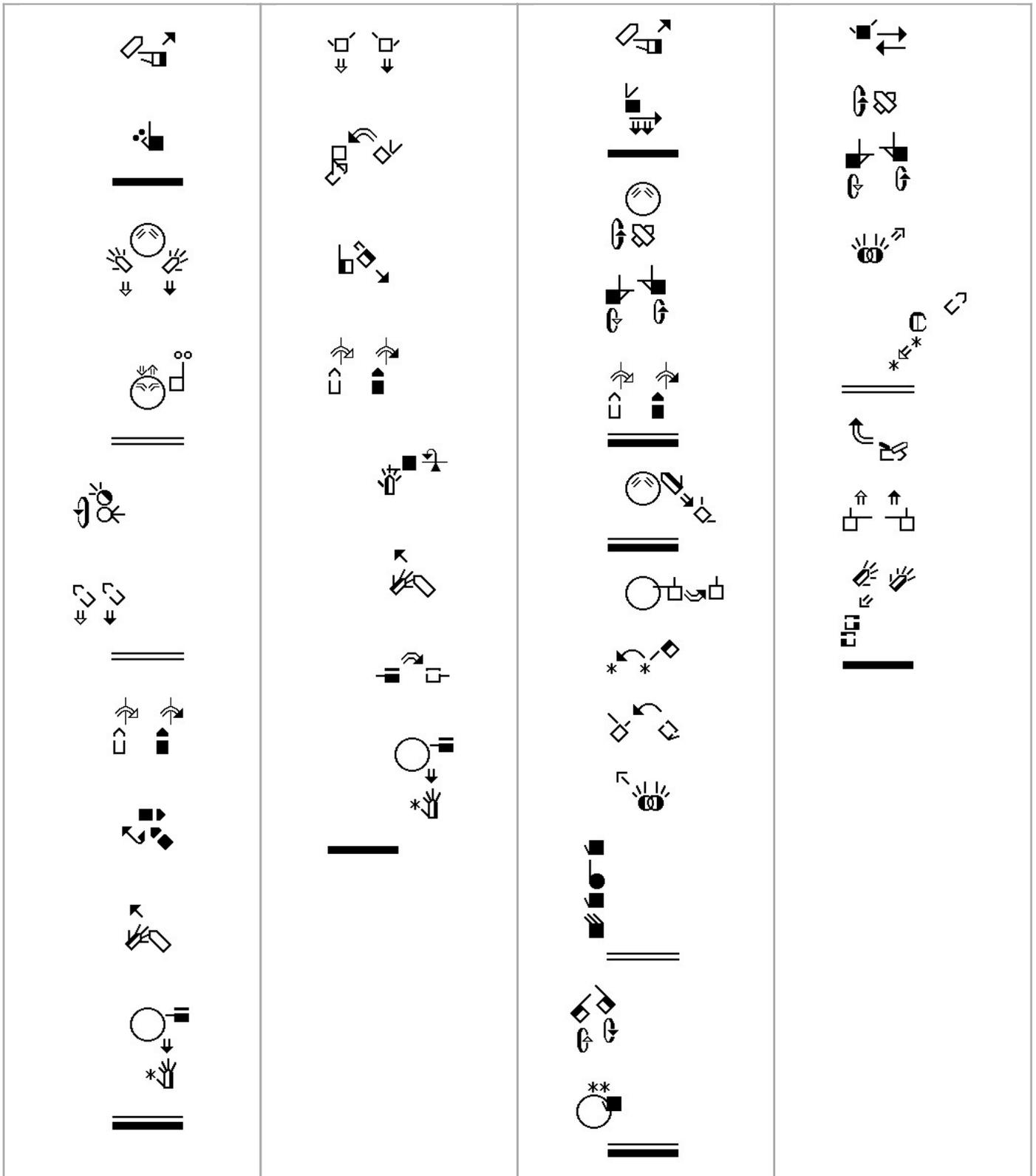
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raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. Verse 16. And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. Verse 17. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.



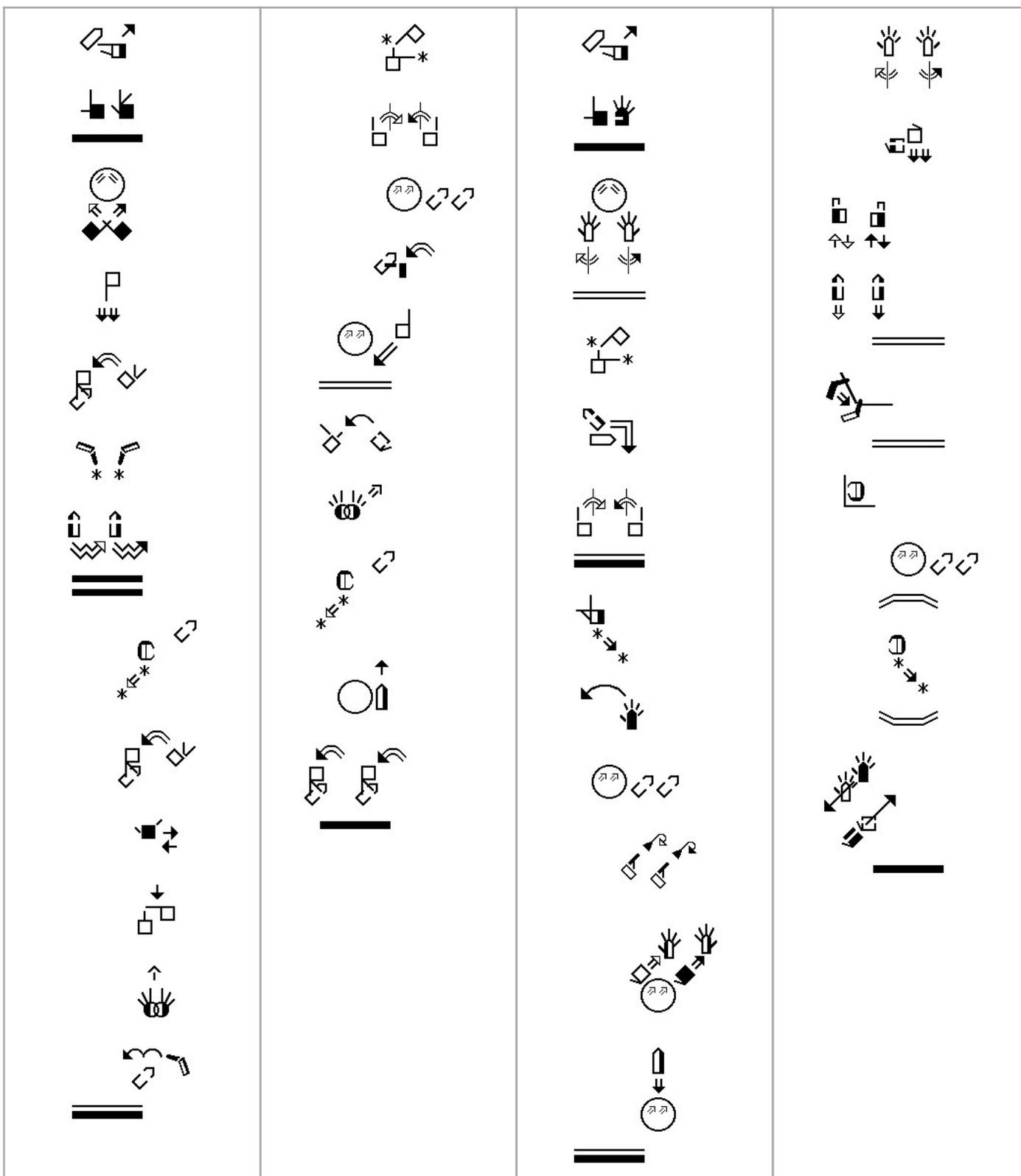
Verse 18. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! Verse 19. And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. Verse 20. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

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Verse 21. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Verse 22. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

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Verse 23. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back. Verse 24. After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. NLT

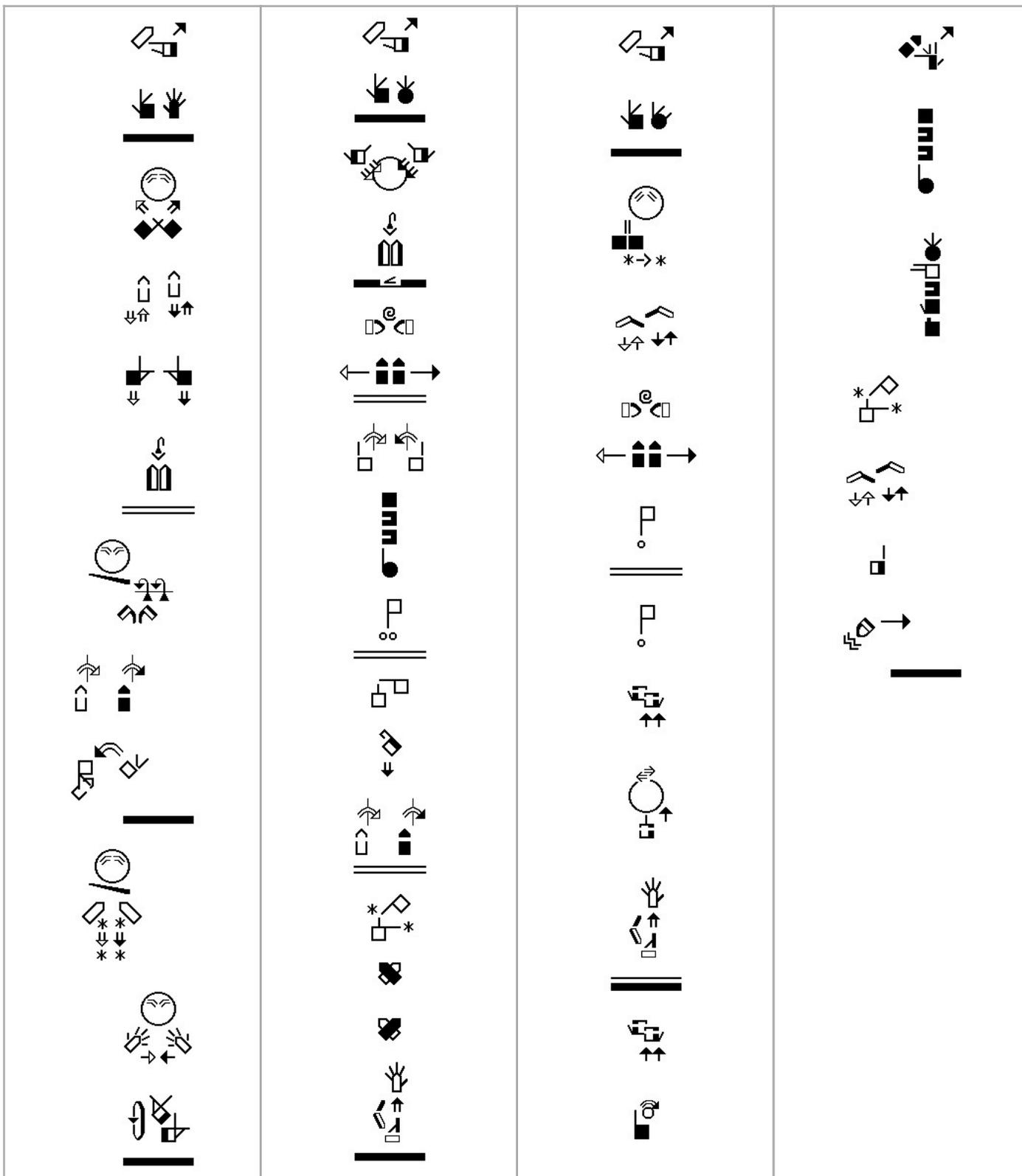
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Verse 25. For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. Verse 26. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. Verse 27. For the Scriptures say, "God has put all things under his authority." (Of course, when it says "all things are under his authority,"

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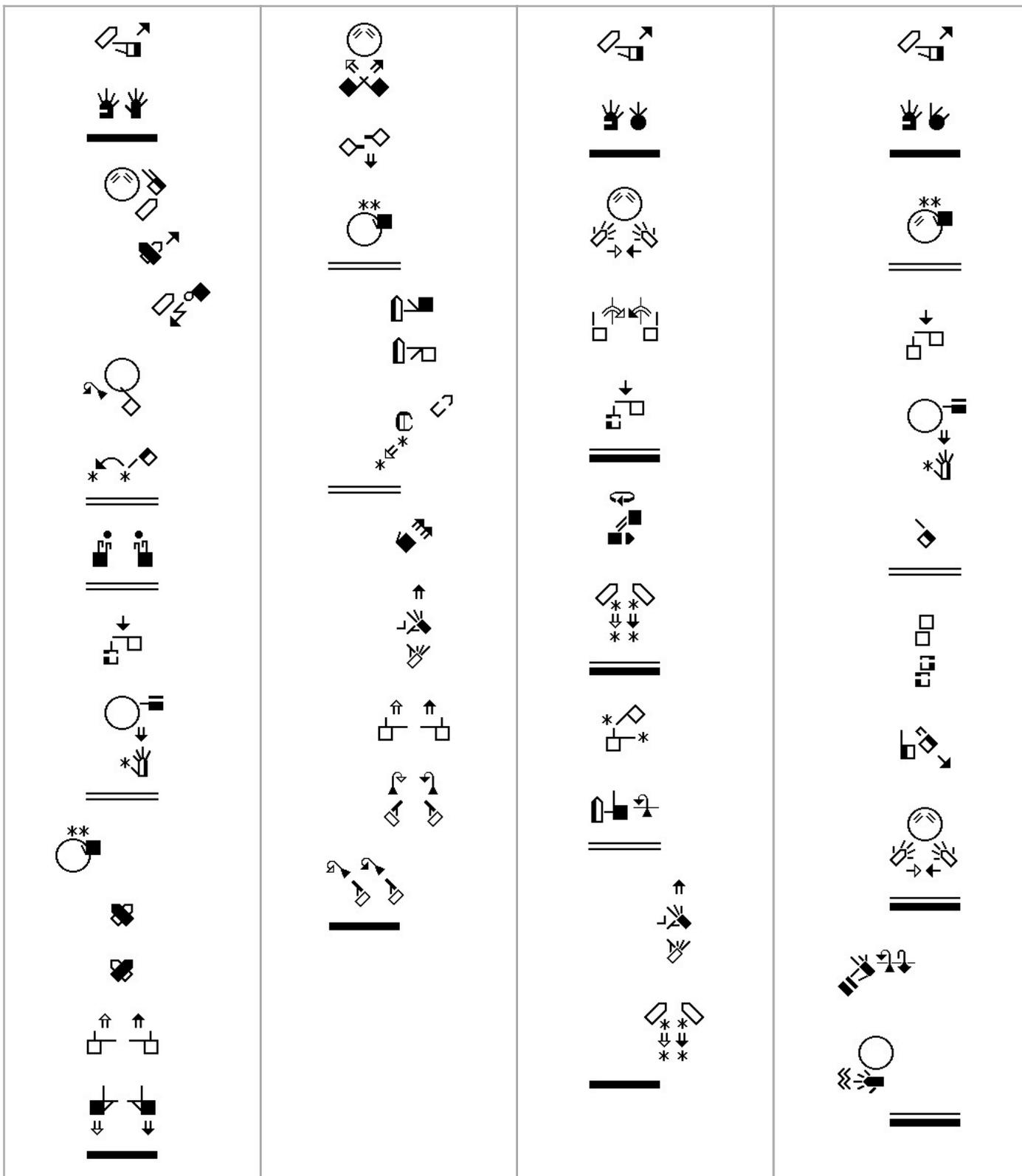
is as certain as my pride in what Christ Jesus our Lord has done in you. Verse 32. And what value was there in fighting wild beasts -- those people of Ephesus -- if there will be no resurrection from the dead? And if there is no resurrection, "Let's feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!"
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Verse 35. But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?" Verse 36. What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. Verse 37. And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. NLT

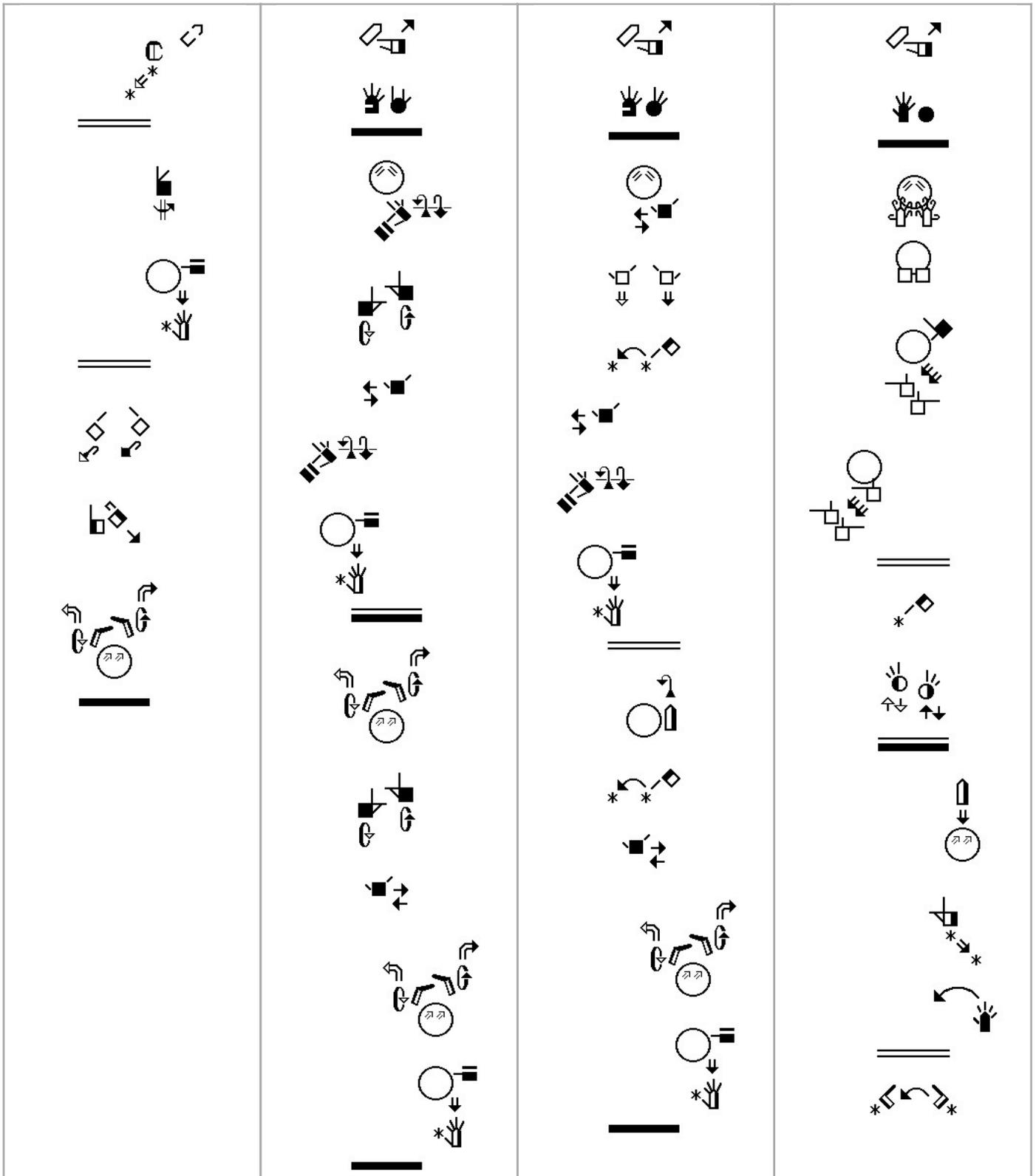
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197 are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Verse 43. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. Verse 44. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies. NLT

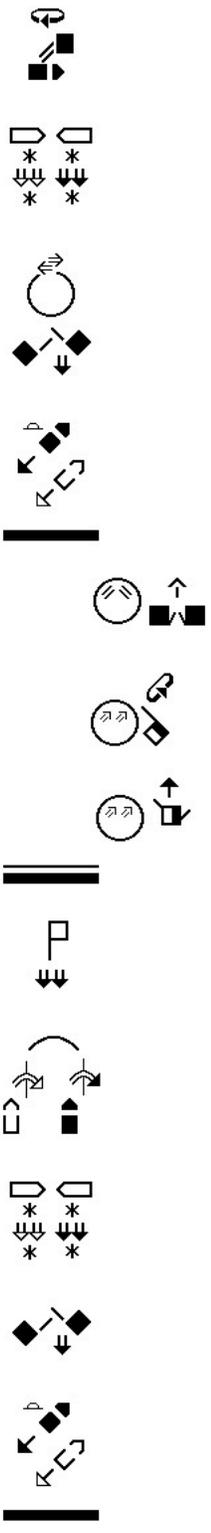
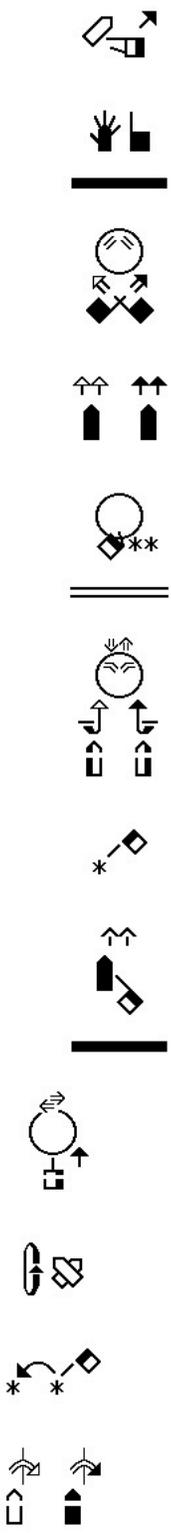
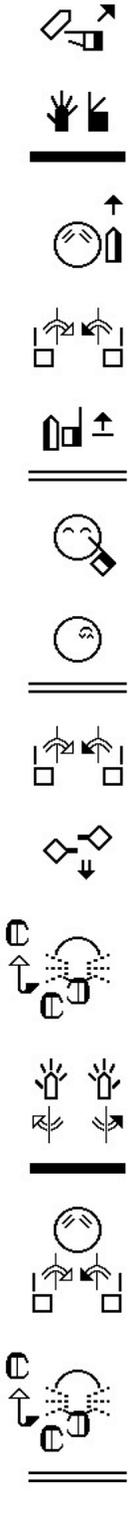


Verse 45. The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person." But the last Adam -- that is, Christ -- is a life-giving Spirit. Verse 46. What comes first is the natural body, then the spiritual body comes later. Verse 47. Adam, the first man, was made from the dust of the earth,

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199 while Christ, the second man, came from heaven. Verse 48. Earthly people are like the earthly man, and heavenly people are like the heavenly man. Verse 49. Just as we are now like the earthly man, we will someday be like the heavenly man. Verse 50. What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our NLT

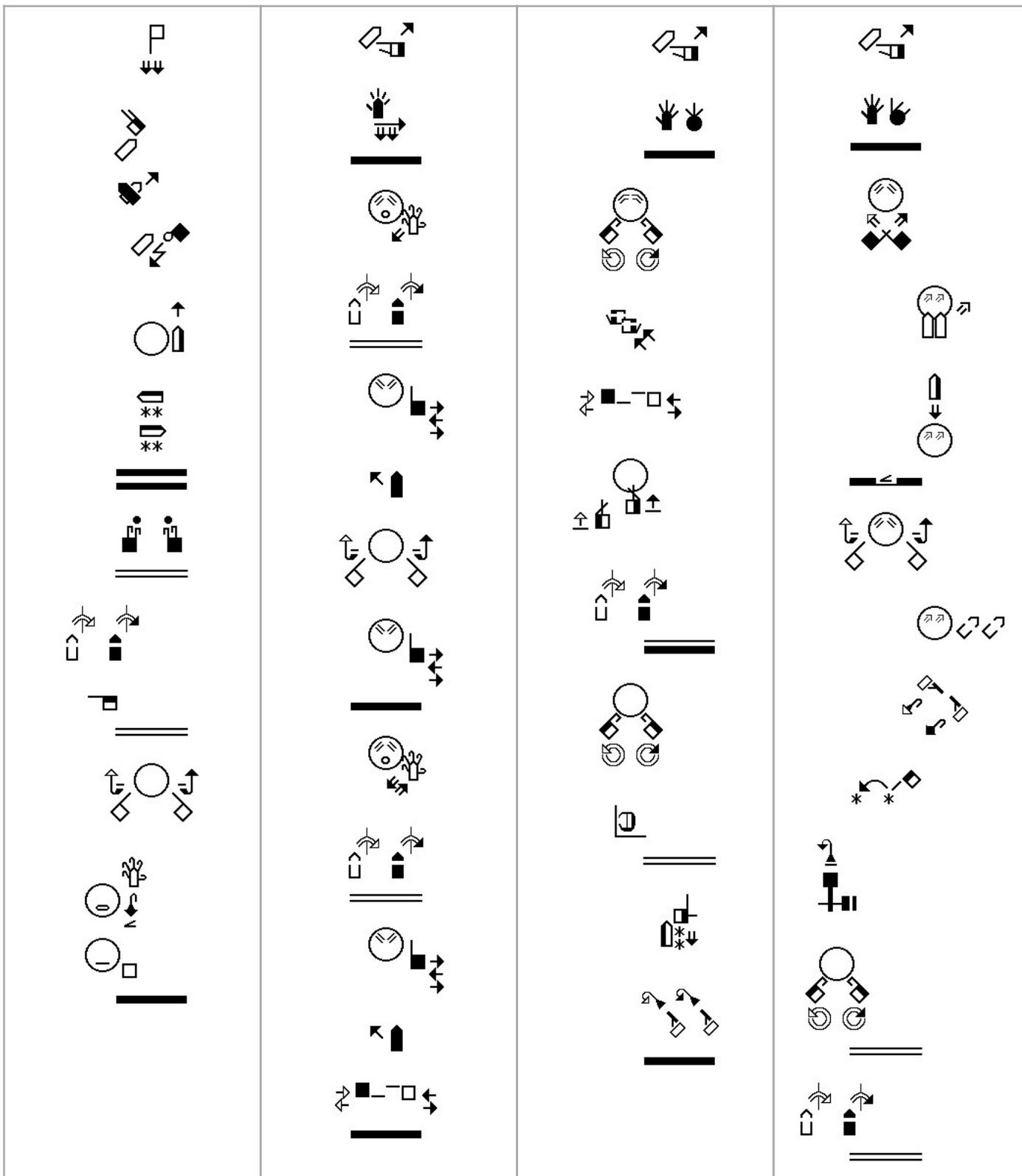
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physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. Verse 51. But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! Verse 52. It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds,

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those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. Verse 53. For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. Verse 54. Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die,

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this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Verse 55. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" Verse 56. For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. Verse 57. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death
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for I am planning to travel through Macedonia. Verse 6. Perhaps I will stay awhile with you, possibly all winter, and then you can send me on my way to my next destination. Verse 7. This time I don't want to make just a short visit and then go right on. NLT

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I want to come and stay awhile, if the Lord will let me. Verse 8. In the meantime, I will be staying here at Ephesus until the Festival of Pentecost. Verse 9. There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me. Verse 10. When Timothy comes, don't intimidate him.

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He is doing the Lord's work, just as I am. Verse 11. Don't let anyone treat him with contempt. Send him on his way with your blessing when he returns to me. I expect him to come with the other believers. Verse 12. Now about our brother Apollos -- I urged him

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209 to visit you with the other believers, but he was not willing to go right now. He will see you later when he has the opportunity. Verse 13. Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. Verse 14. And do everything with love. NLT

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Verse 17. I am very glad that Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus have come here. They have been providing the help you weren't here to give me. Verse 18. They have been a wonderful encouragement to me, as they have been to you. You must show your appreciation to all who serve so well. NLT

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Verse 19. The churches here in the province of Asia send greetings in the Lord, as do Aquila and Priscilla and all the others who gather in their home for church meetings. Verse 20. All the brothers and sisters here send greetings to you. Greet each other with Christian love. Verse 21. HERE IS MY GREETING IN MY OWN HANDWRITING -- PAUL. NLT

