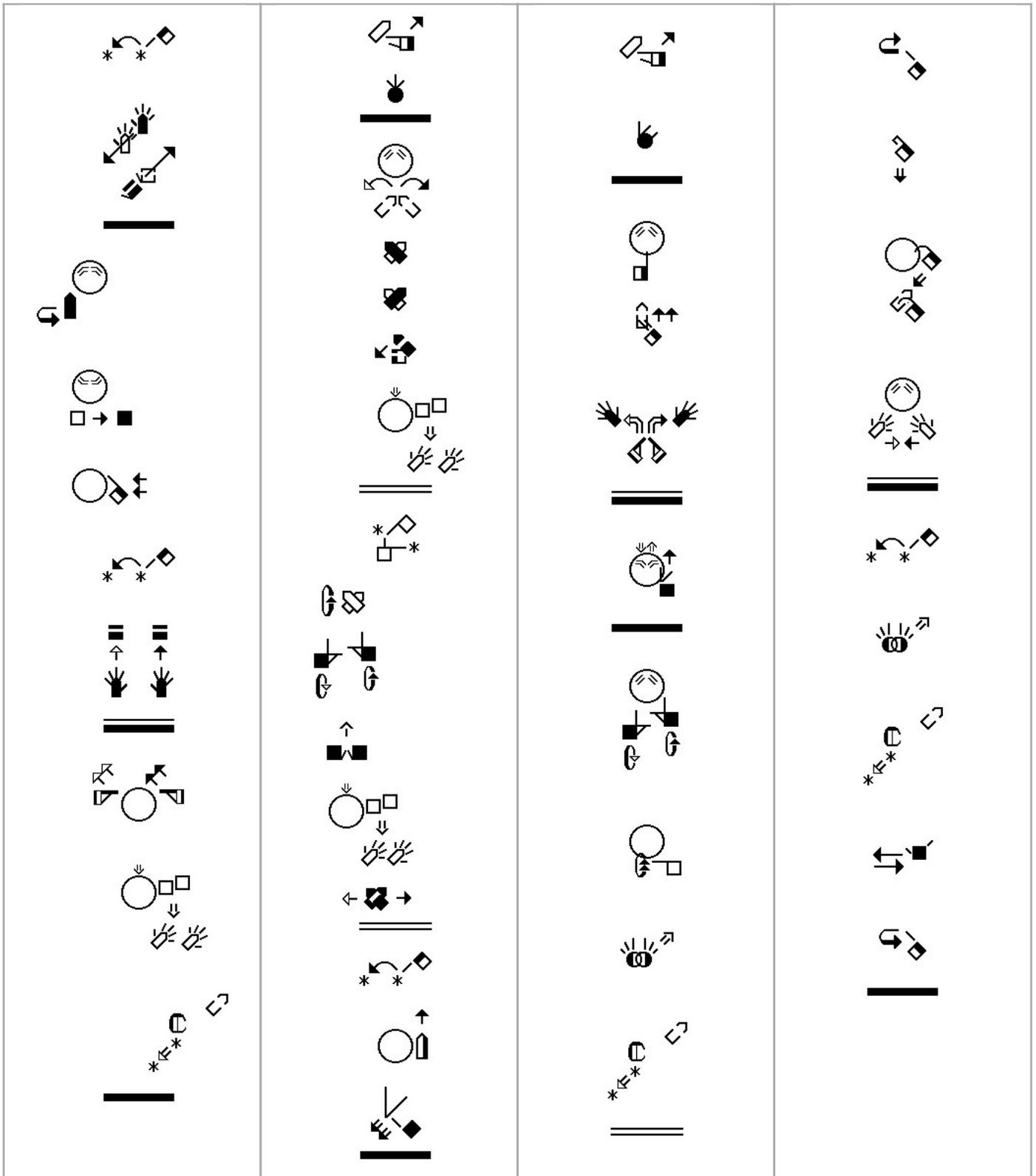


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Chapter 10. Now I, Paul, appeal to you with the gentleness and kindness of Christ -- though I realize you think I am timid in person and bold only when I write from far away. Verse 2. Well, I am begging you now so that when I come I won't have to be bold with those who think we act from human motives. NLT



We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. Verse 6. And after you have become fully obedient, we will punish everyone who remains disobedient. Verse 7. Look at the obvious facts. Those who say they belong to Christ must recognize that we belong to Christ as much as they do. NLT

Verse 10. For some say, "Paul's letters are demanding and forceful, but in person he is weak, and his speeches are worthless!" Verse 11. Those people should realize that our actions when we arrive in person will be as forceful as what we say in our letters from far away.

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will boast only about what has happened within the boundaries of the work God has given us, which includes our working with you. Verse 14. We are not reaching beyond these boundaries when we claim authority over you, as if we had never visited you. For we were the first to travel

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all the way to Corinth with the Good News of Christ. Verse 15. Nor do we boast and claim credit for the work someone else has done. Instead, we hope that your faith will grow so that the boundaries of our work among you will be extended. Verse 16. Then we will be able to go and preach the Good News in other places

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313 far beyond you, where no one else is working. Then there will be no question of our boasting about work done in someone else's territory. Verse 17. As the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD." NLT

