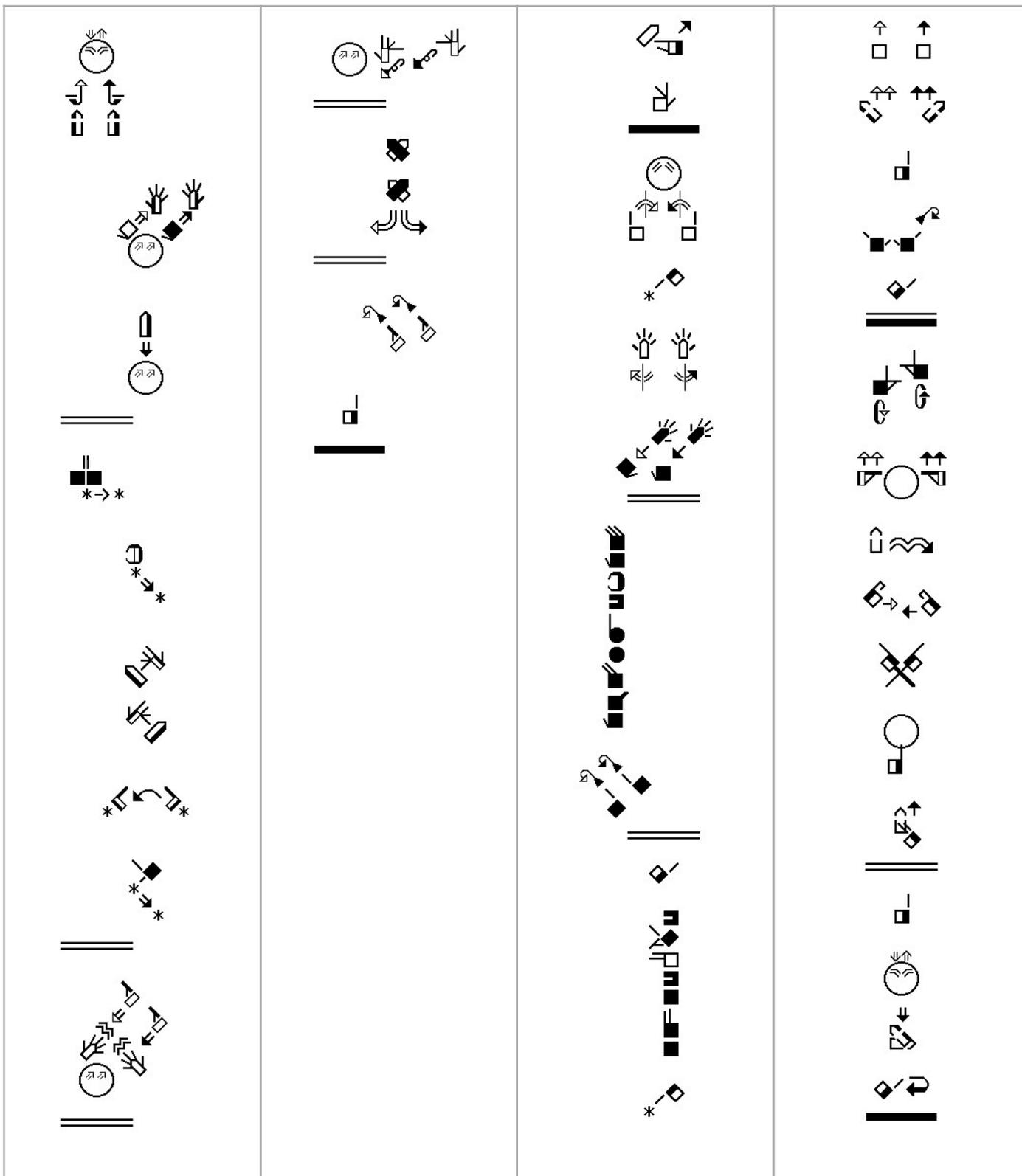


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Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, appointed by the command of God our Savior and Christ Jesus, who gives us hope. Verse 2. I am writing to Timothy, my true son in the faith. NLT



May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.
 Verse 3. When I left for Macedonia, I urged you to stay there in Ephesus and stop those
 whose teaching is contrary to the truth. NLT

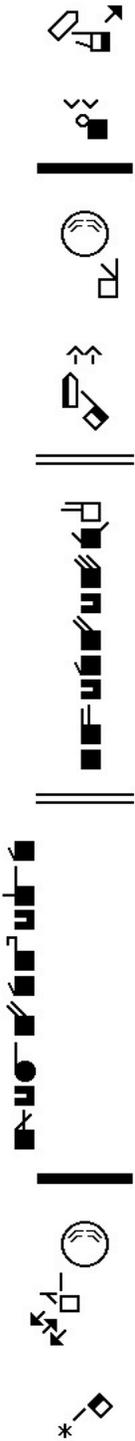
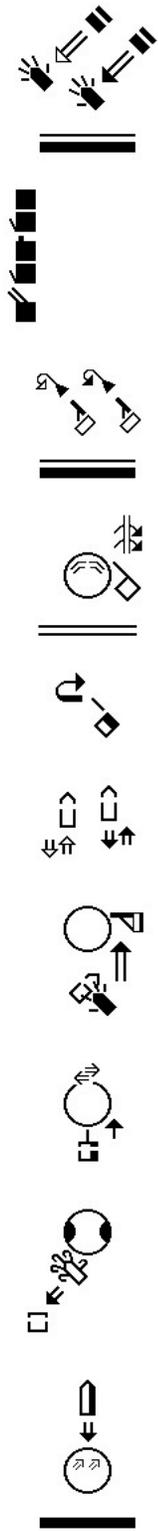
<p>Verse 5. The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. Verse 6. But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions. NLT</p>			

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7 or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching Verse 11. that comes from the glorious Good News entrusted to me by our blessed God. Verse 12. I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. NLT

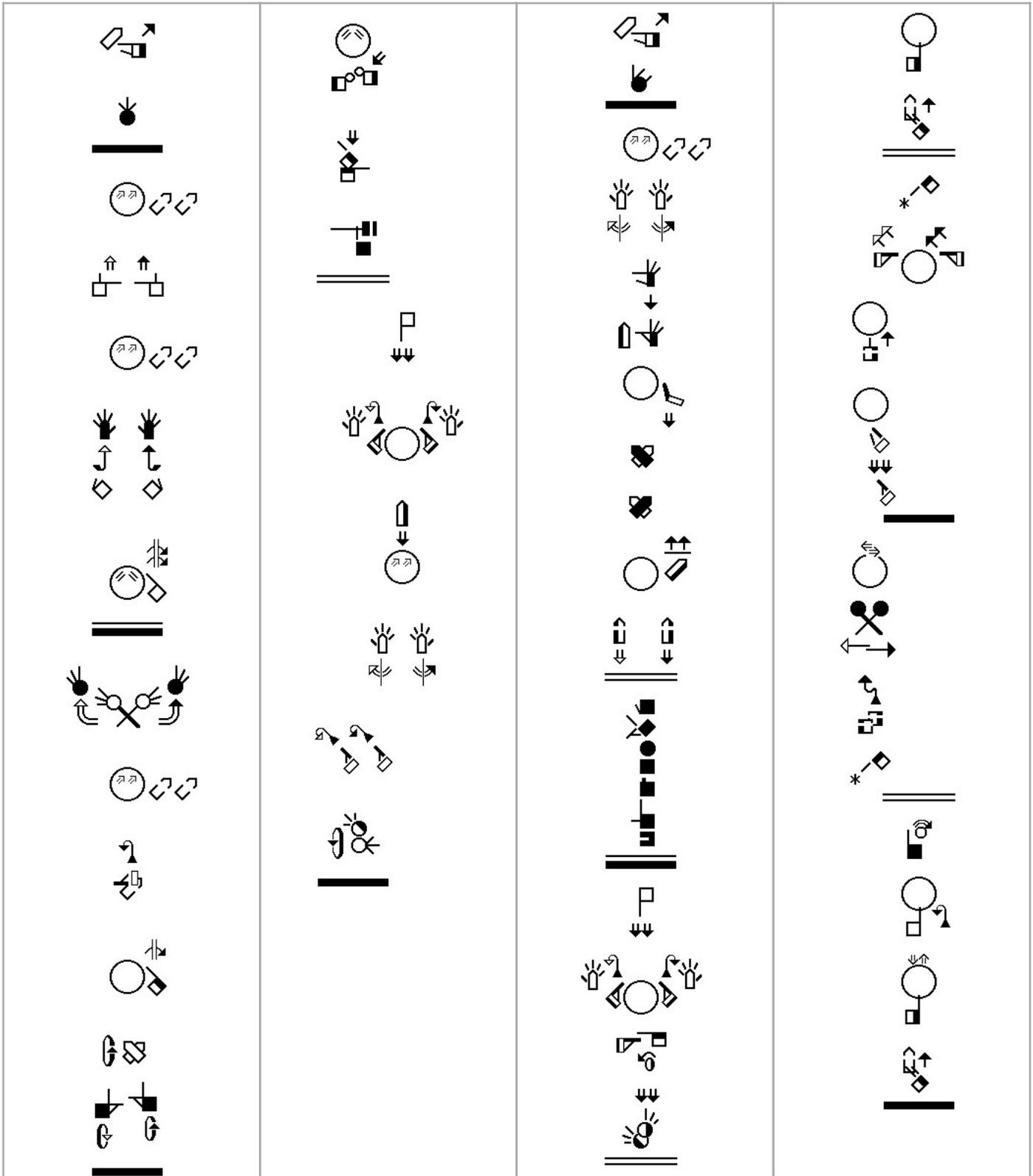
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11 Verse 17. All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen. Verse 18. Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, NLT

			
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Chapter 2. I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Verse 2. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.
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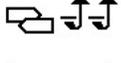
Verse 6. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. Verse 7. And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth. I'm not exaggerating -- just telling the truth.
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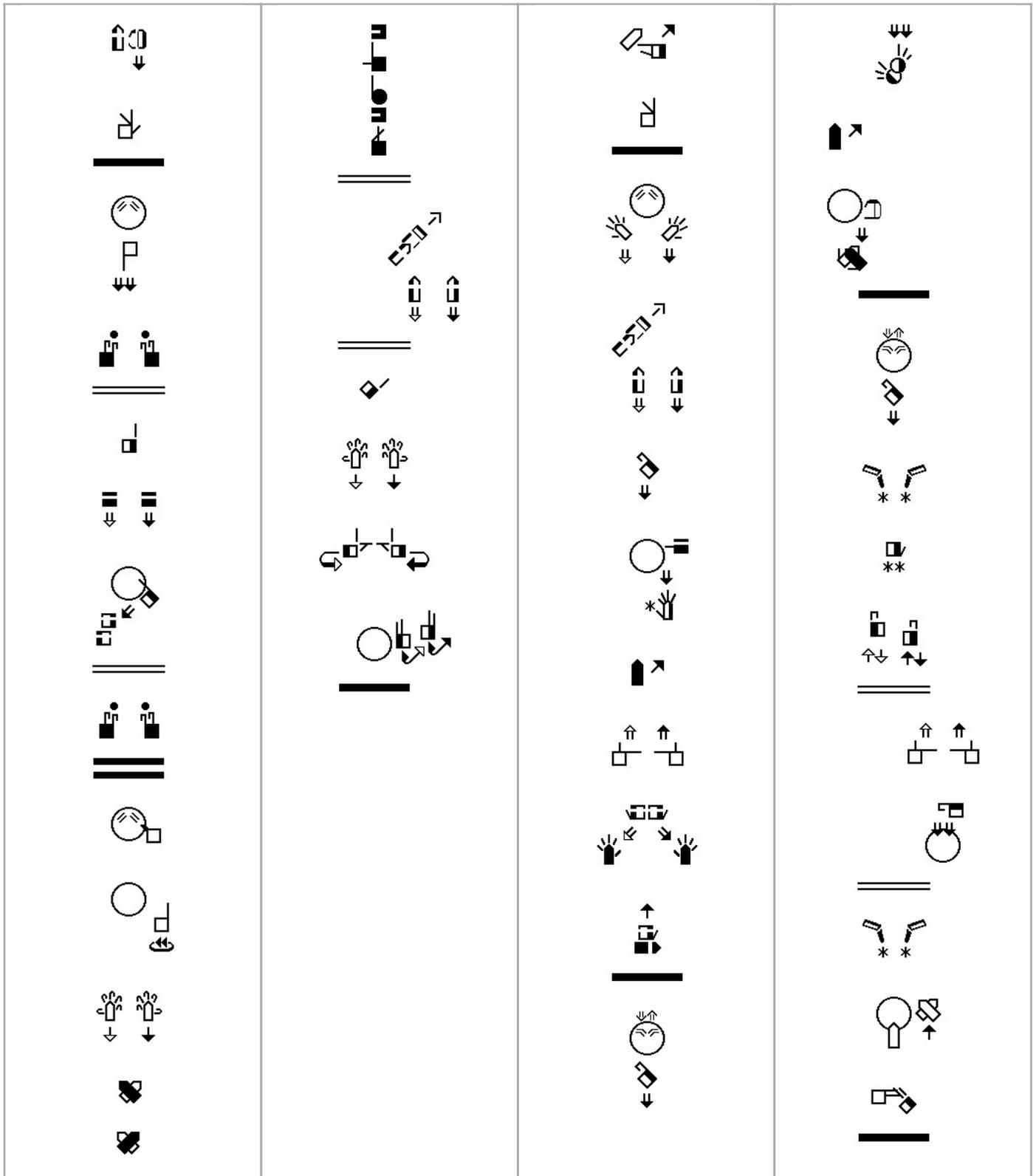
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or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes. Verse 10. For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do. Verse 11. Women should learn quietly and submissively. NLT

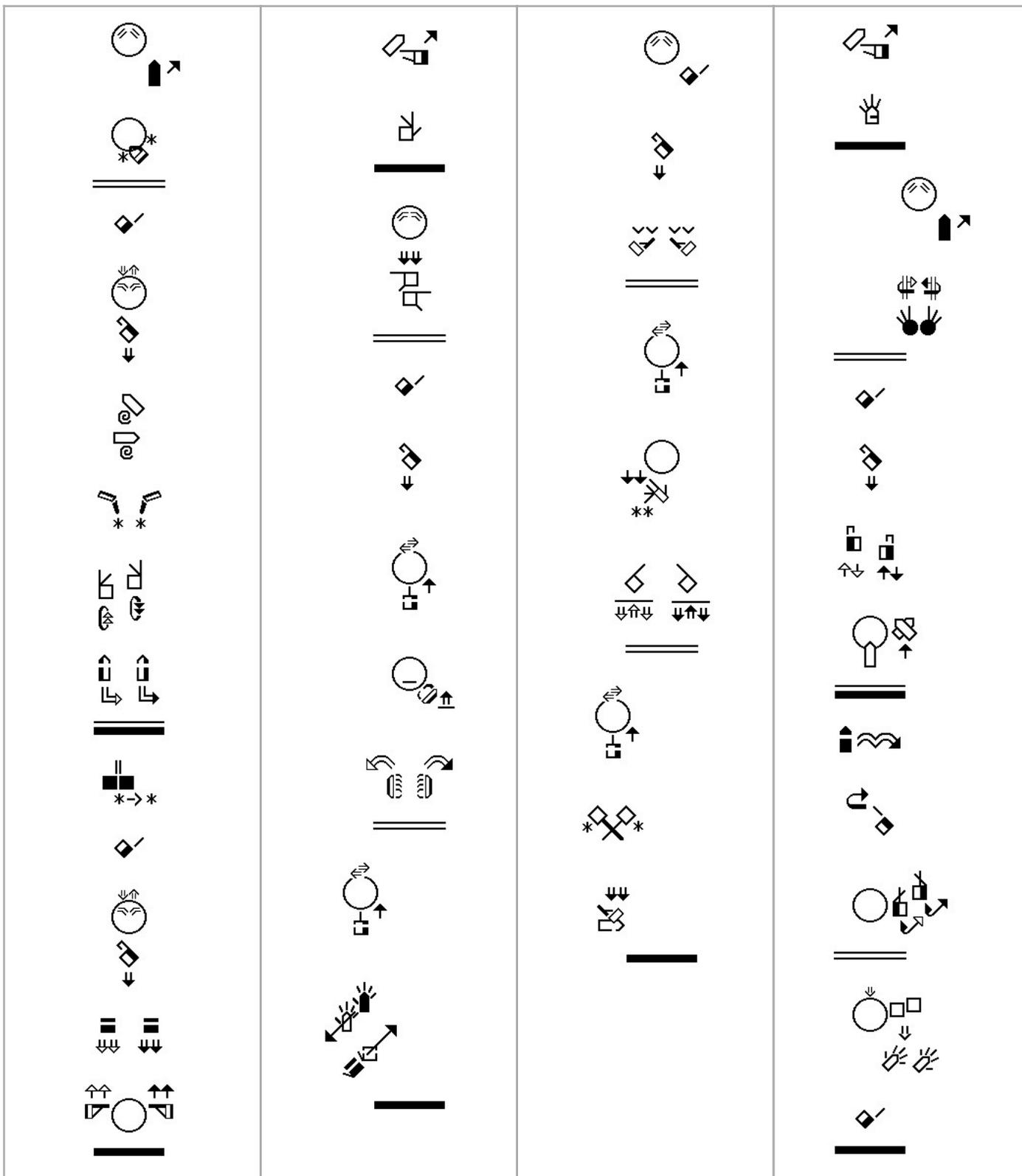
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Verse 12. I do not let women teach men or have authority over them. Let them listen quietly. Verse 13. For God made Adam first, and afterward he made Eve. Verse 14. And it was not Adam who was deceived by Satan. The woman was deceived, and sin was the result. NLT

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Chapter 3. This is a trustworthy saying: "If someone aspires to be an elder, he desires an honorable position." Verse 2. So an elder must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife. He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation.



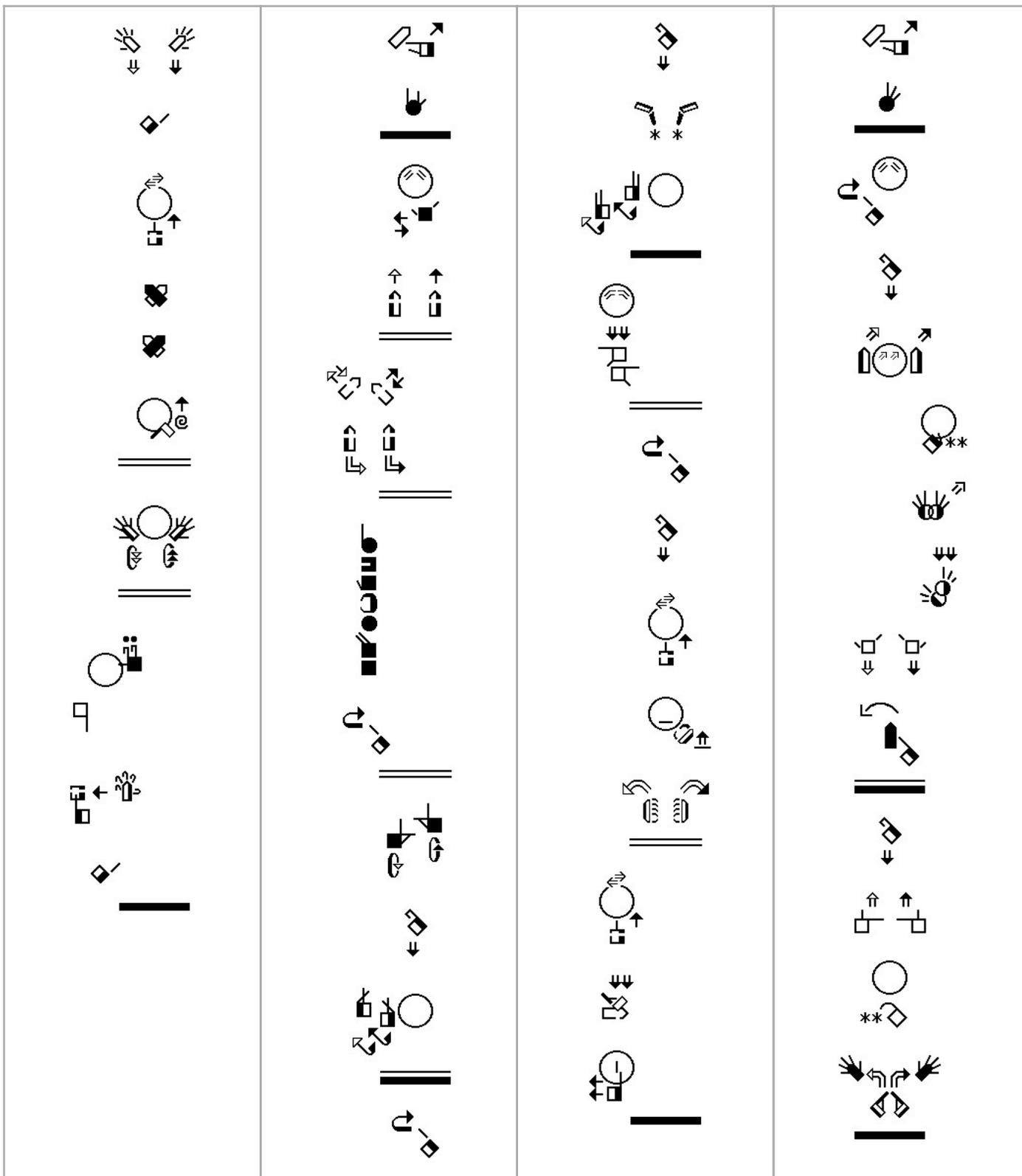
He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach. Verse 3. He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money. Verse 4. He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him.

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Verse 5. For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church? Verse 6. An elder must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall. Verse 7. Also, people outside the church must speak well of him

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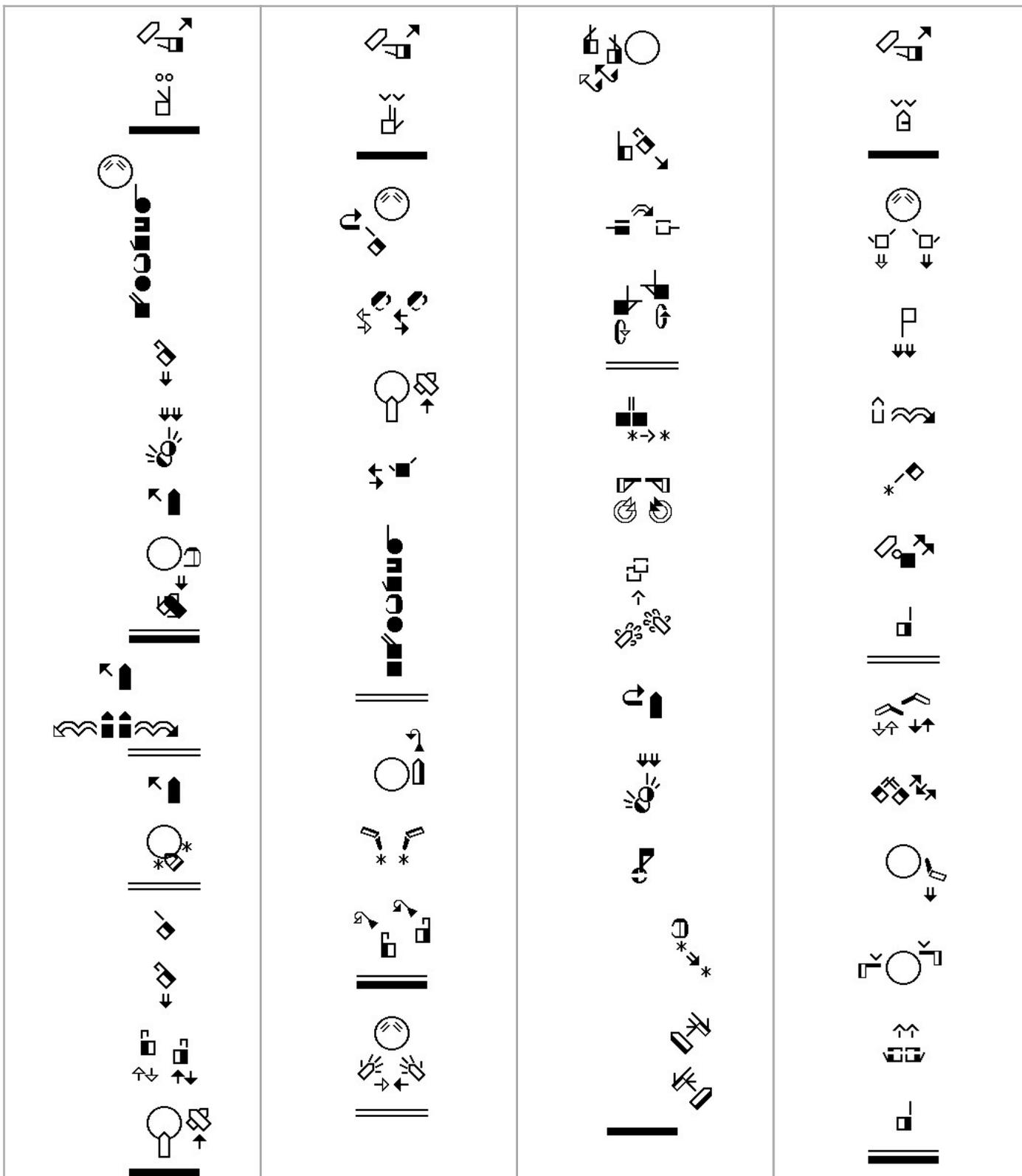


so that he will not be disgraced and fall into the devil's trap. Verse 8. In the same way, deacons must be well respected and have integrity. They must not be heavy drinkers or dishonest with money. Verse 9. They must be committed to the mystery of the faith now revealed and must live with a clear conscience. NLT

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Verse 10. Before they are appointed as deacons, let them be closely examined. If they pass the test, then let them serve as deacons. Verse 11. In the same way, their wives must be respected and must not slander others. They must exercise self-control and be faithful in everything they do.

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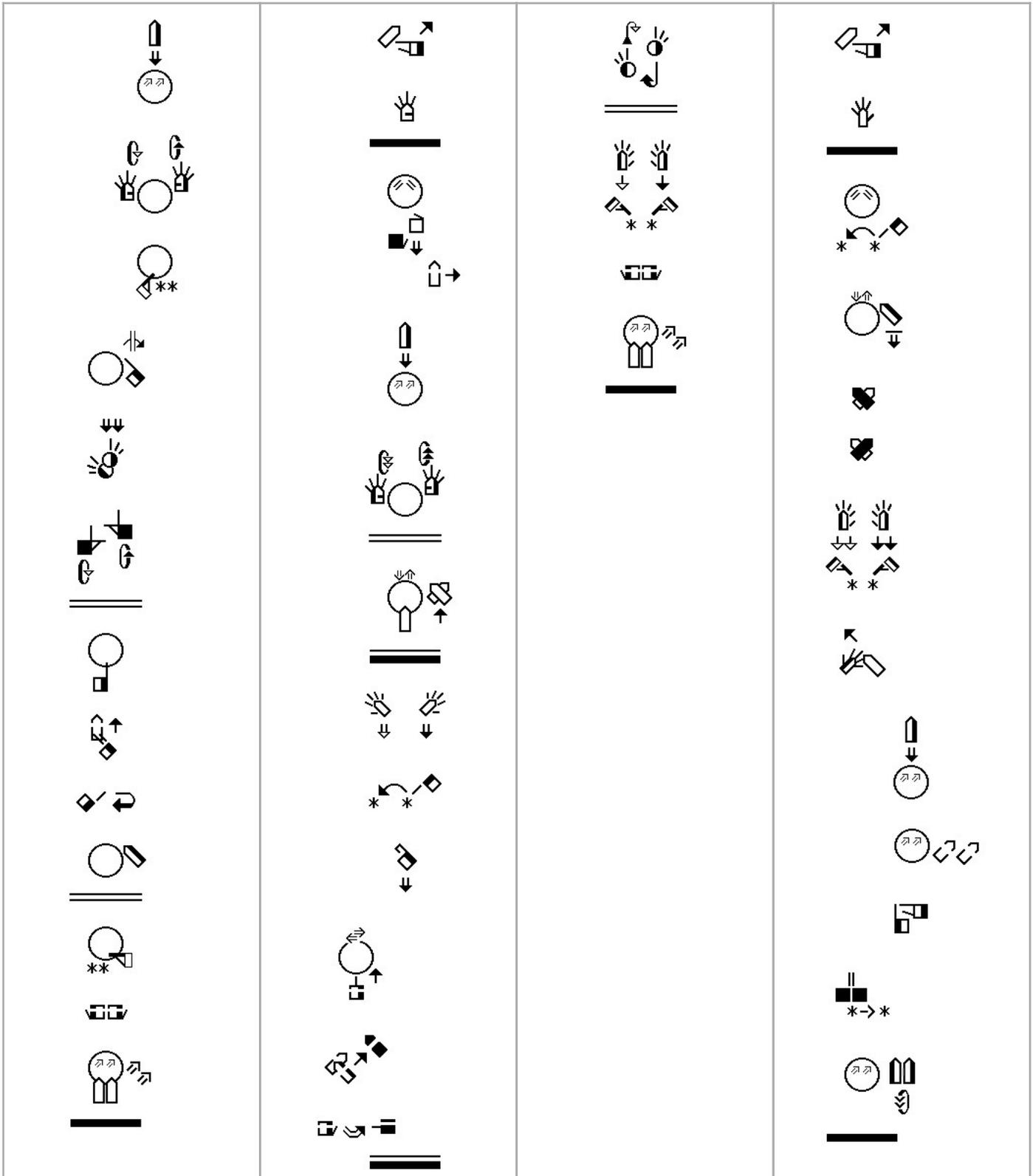


Verse 12. A deacon must be faithful to his wife, and he must manage his children and household well. Verse 13. Those who do well as deacons will be rewarded with respect from others and will have increased confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus. Verse 14. I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, NLT

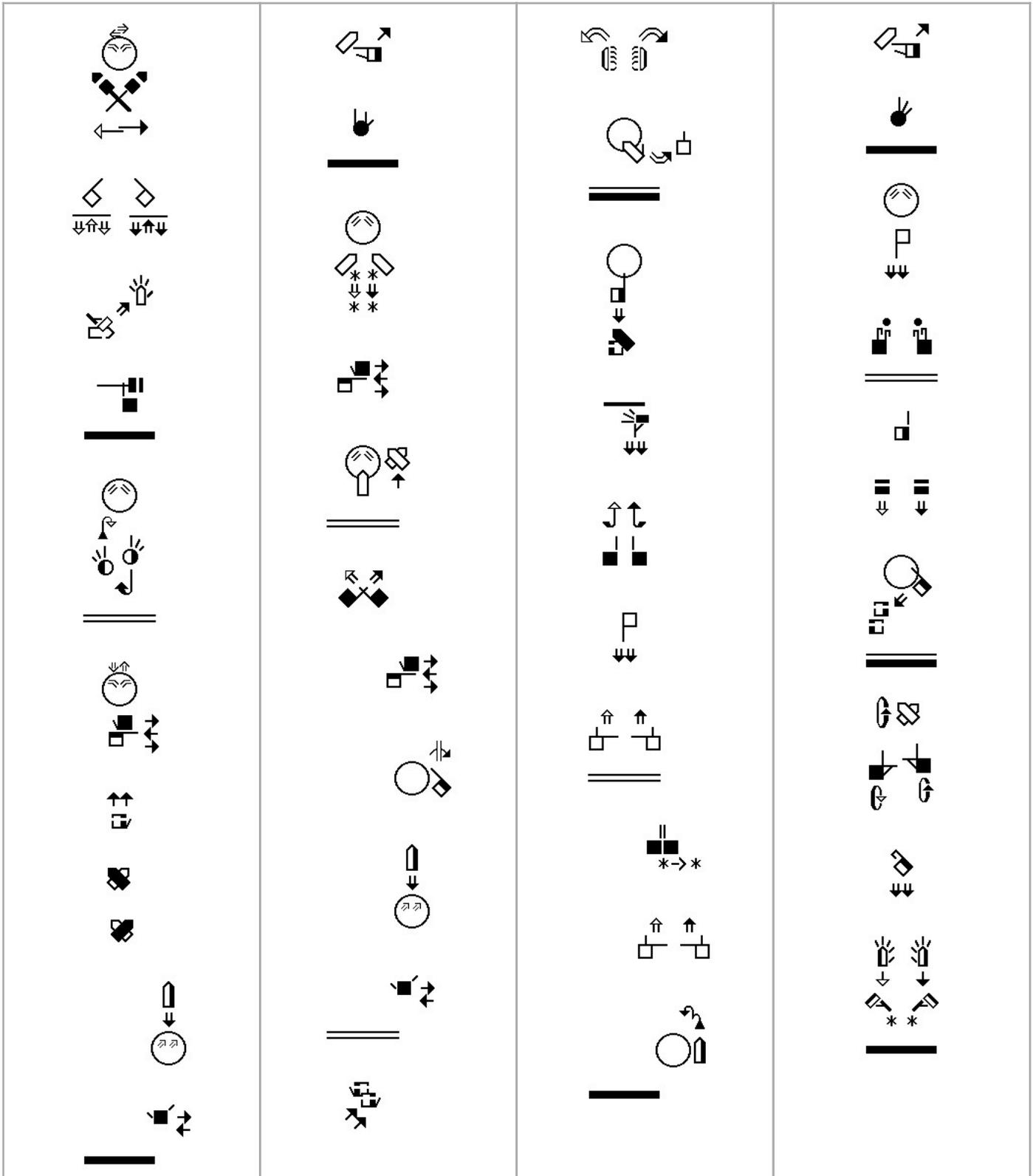
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Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.

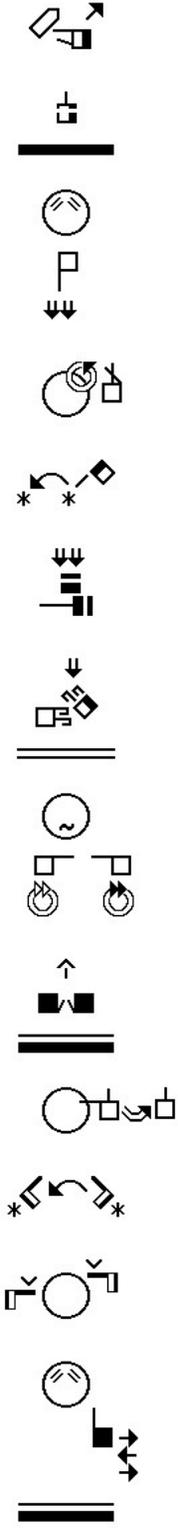
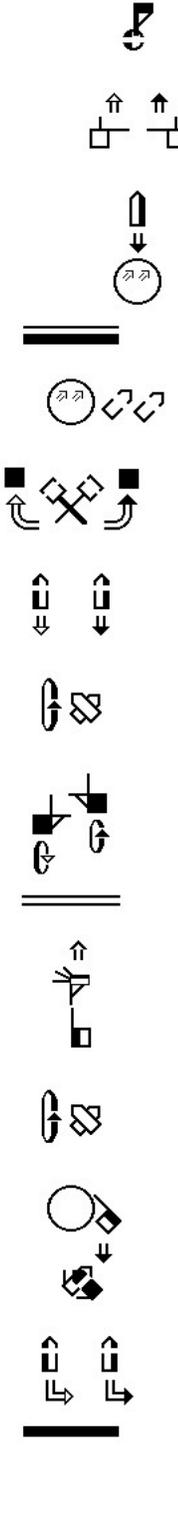
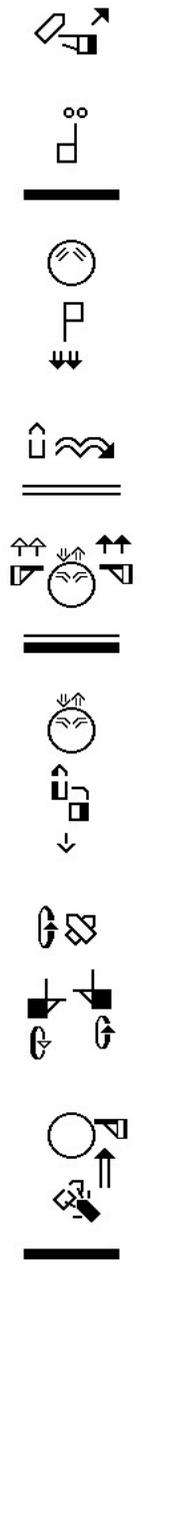
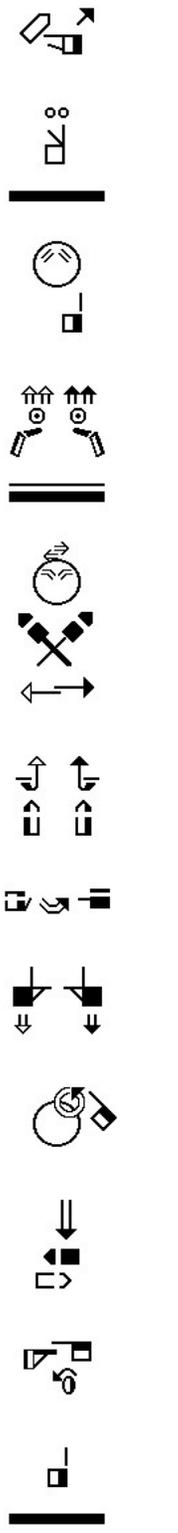
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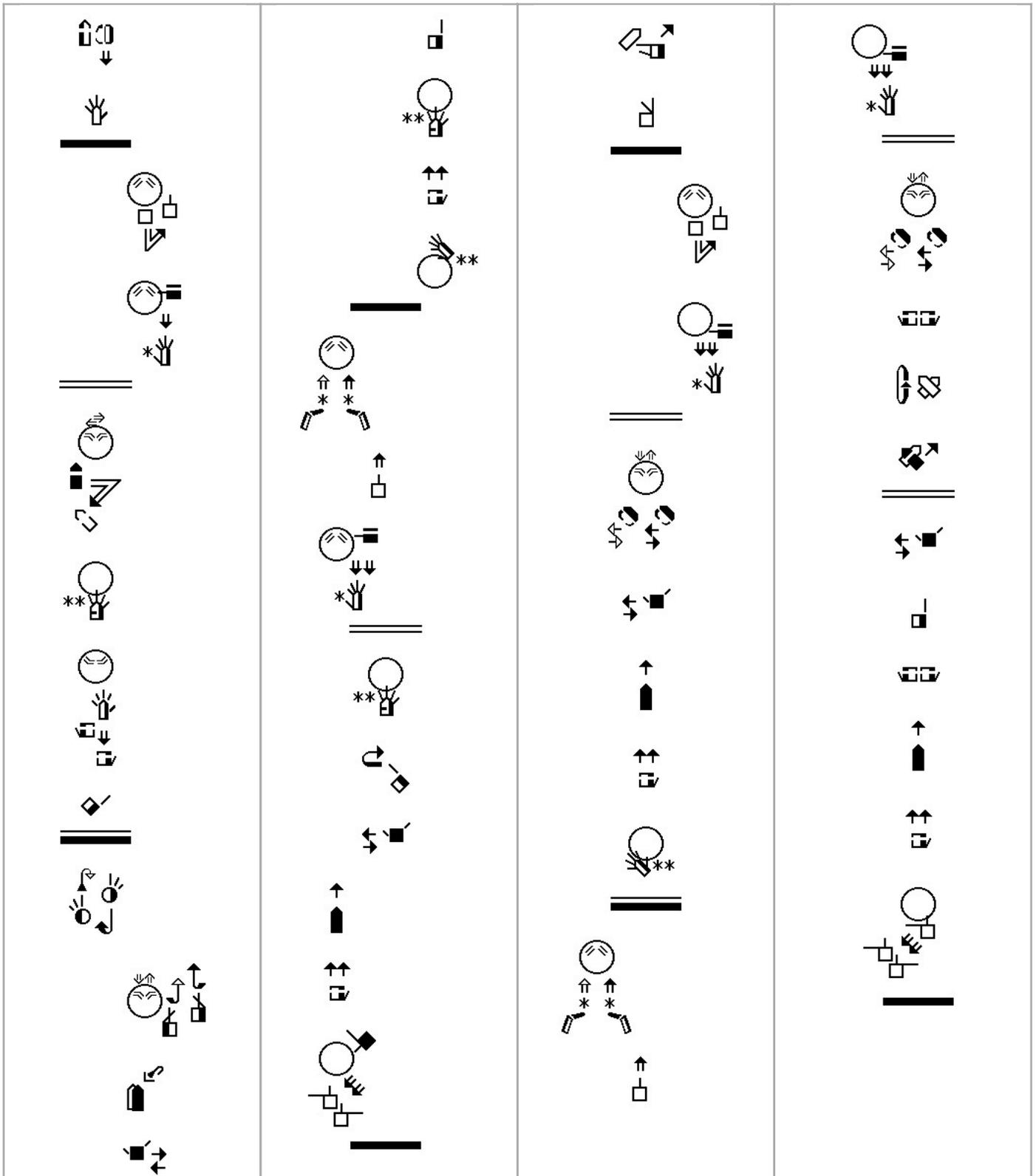
God created those foods to be eaten with thanks by faithful people who know the truth. Verse 4. Since everything God created is good, we should not reject any of it but receive it with thanks. Verse 5. For we know it is made acceptable by the word of God and prayer. NLT



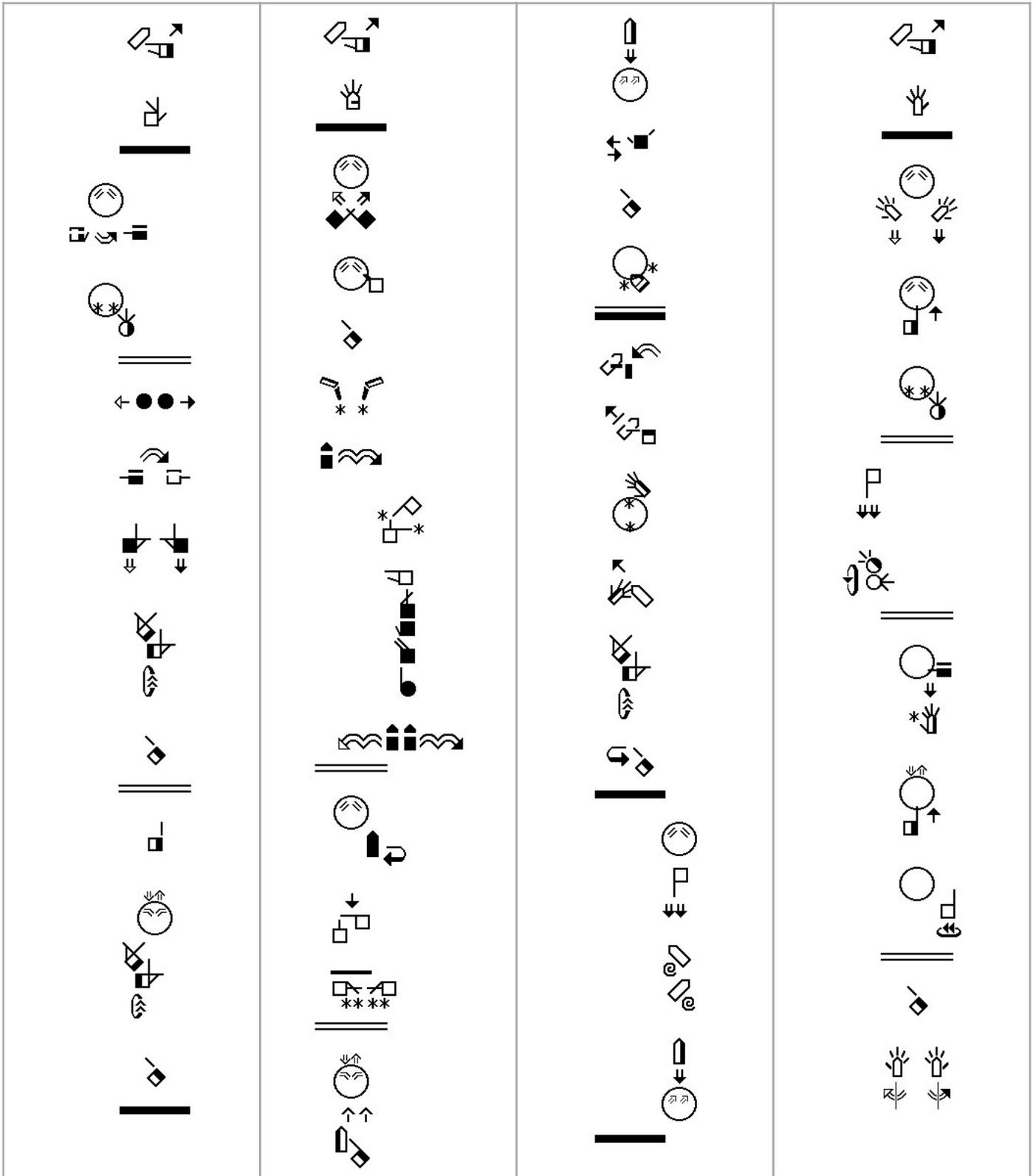
Instead, train yourself to be godly. Verse 8. Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come. Verse 9. This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it. NLT

			
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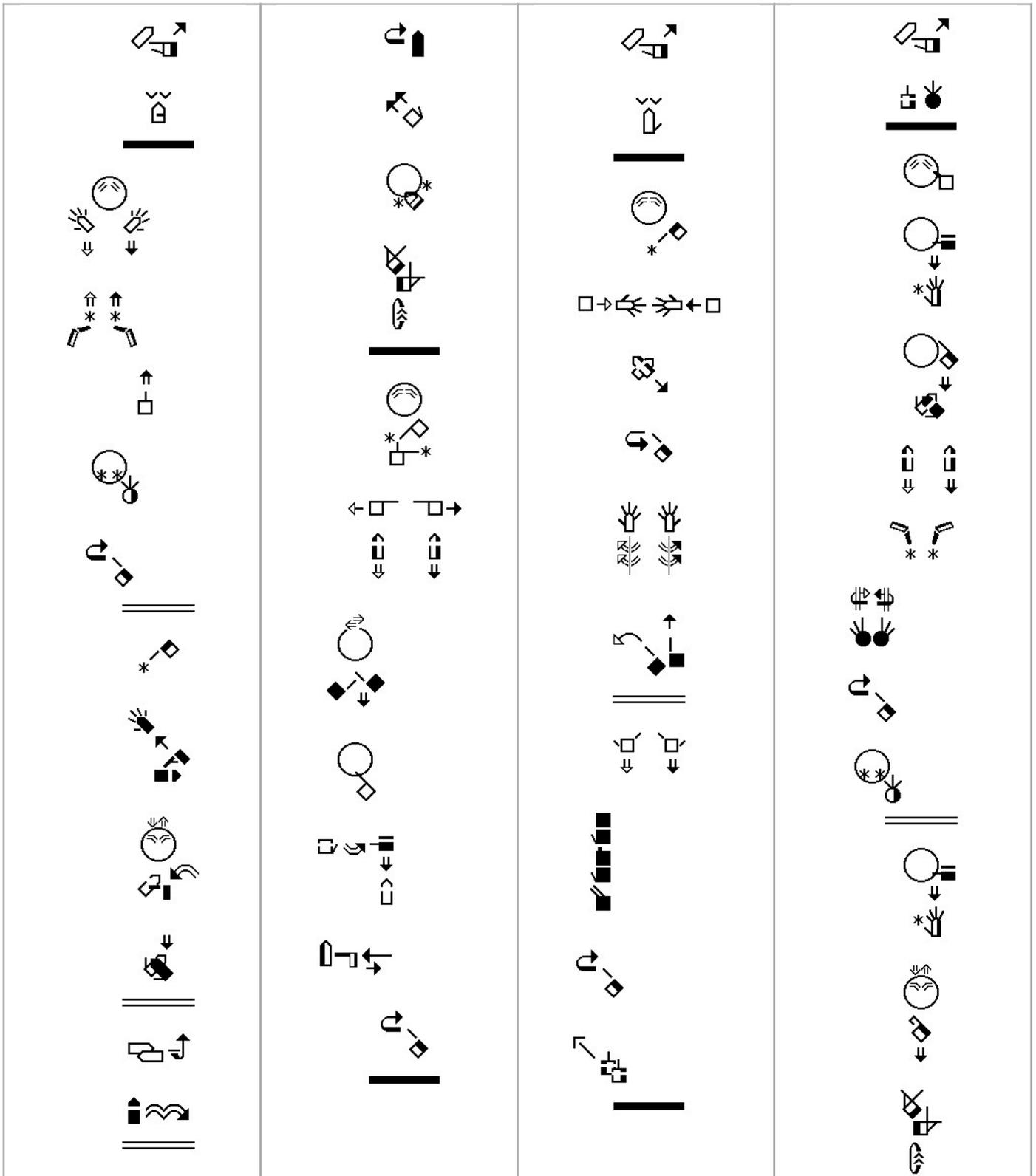
Verse 10. This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers. Verse 11. Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them. Verse 12. Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. NLT



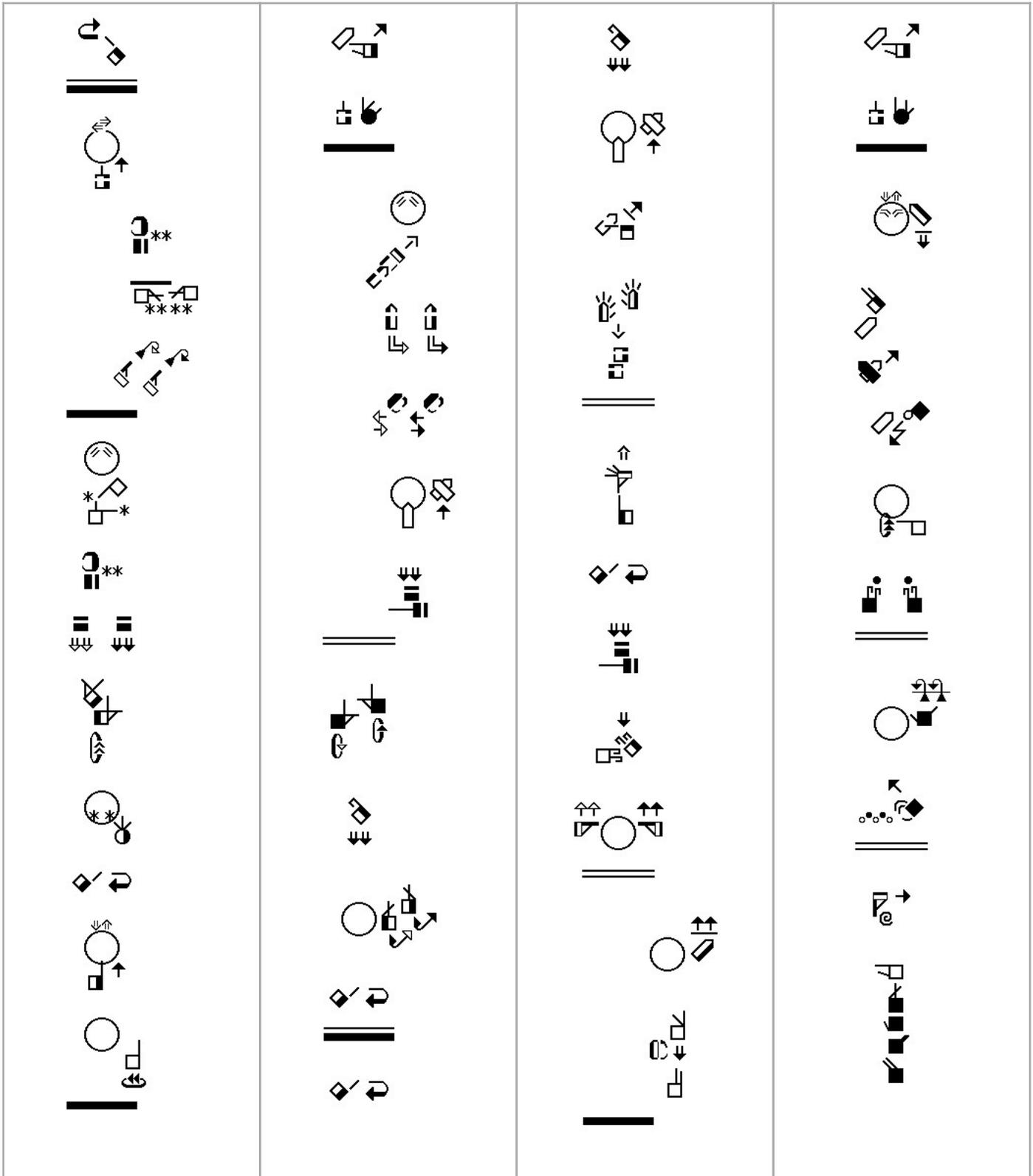
Chapter 5. Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him respectfully as you would to your own father. Talk to younger men as you would to your own brothers. Verse 2. Treat older women as you would your mother, and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters. NLT



Verse 3. Take care of any widow who has no one else to care for her. Verse 4. But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God. Verse 5. Now a true widow, a woman who is truly alone in this world, NLT

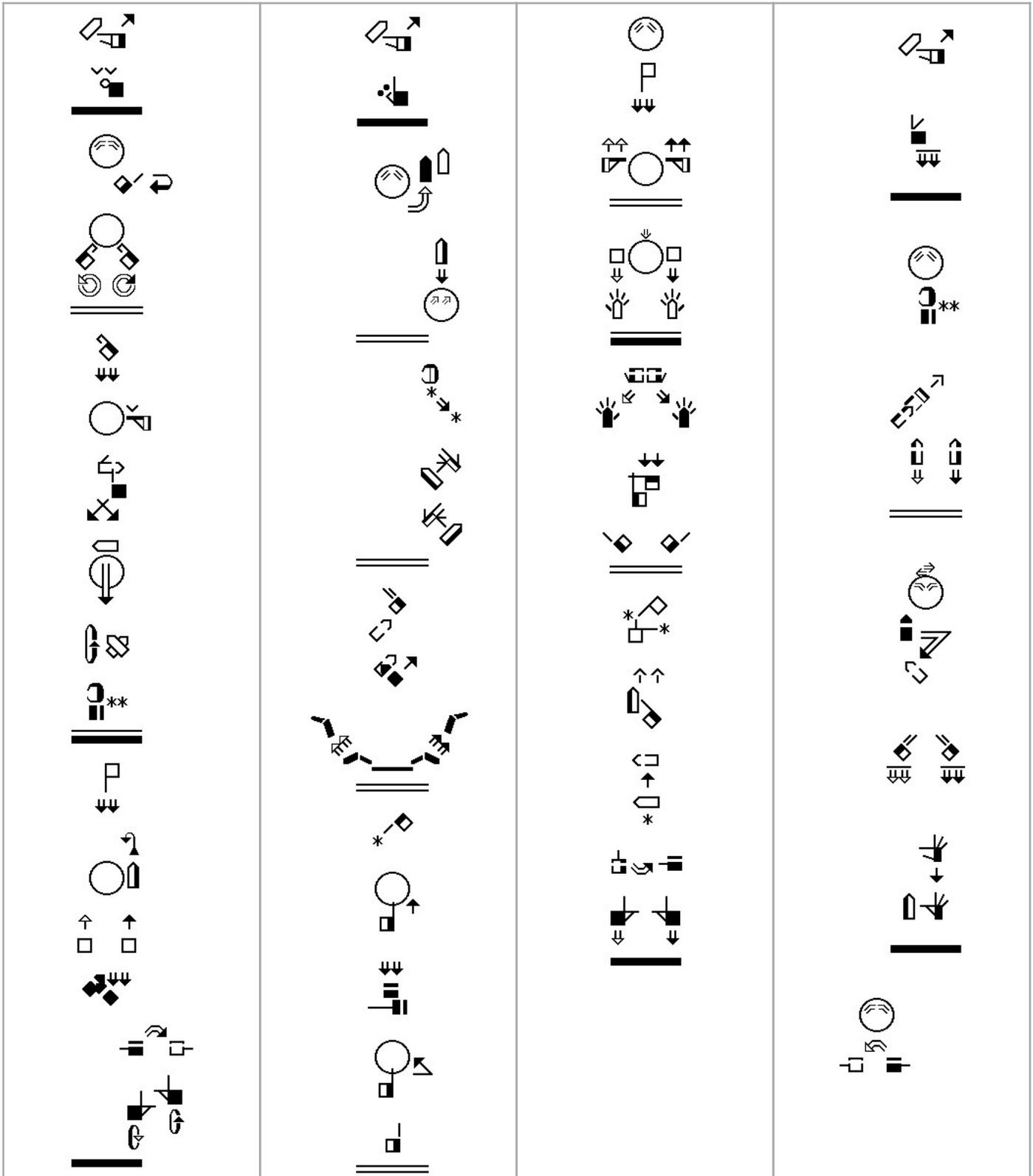


Verse 14. So I advise these younger widows to marry again, have children, and take care of their own homes. Then the enemy will not be able to say anything against them. Verse 15. For I am afraid that some of them have already gone astray and now follow Satan. Verse 16. If a woman who is a believer has relatives who are widows, she must take care



of them and not put the responsibility on the church. Then the church can care for the widows who are truly alone. Verse 17. Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching. Verse 18. For the Scripture says,
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Verse 20. Those who sin should be reprimanded in front of the whole church; this will serve as a strong warning to others. Verse 21. I solemnly command you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus and the holy angels to obey these instructions without taking sides or showing favoritism to anyone. Verse 22. Never be in a hurry about appointing a church leader. NLT

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47 Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. Verse 23. Don't drink only water. You ought to drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach because you are sick so often. Verse 24. Remember, the sins of some people are obvious, leading them to certain judgment. NLT

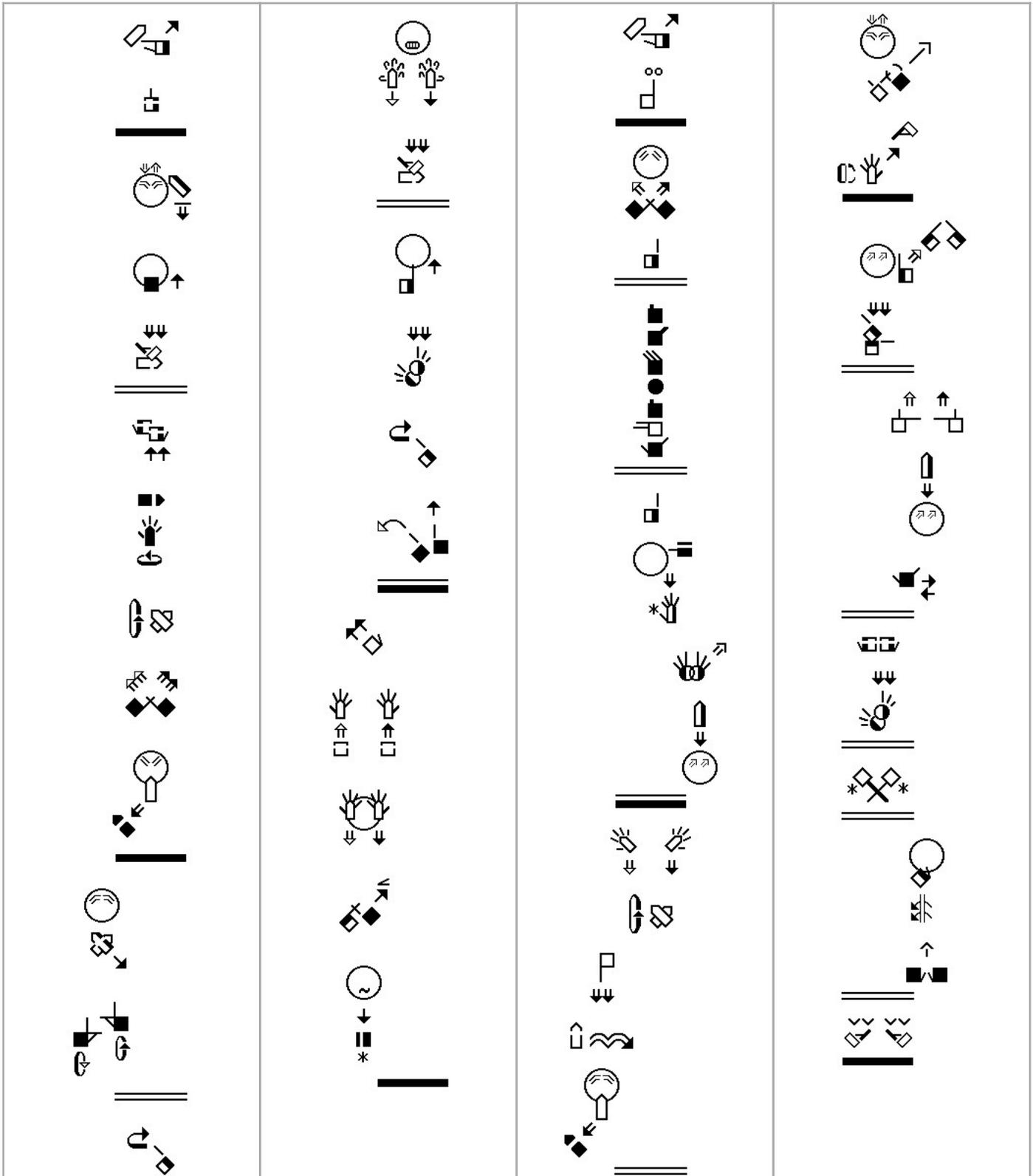
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But there are others whose sins will not be revealed until later. Verse 25. In the same way, the good deeds of some people are obvious. And the good deeds done in secret will someday come to light. NLT

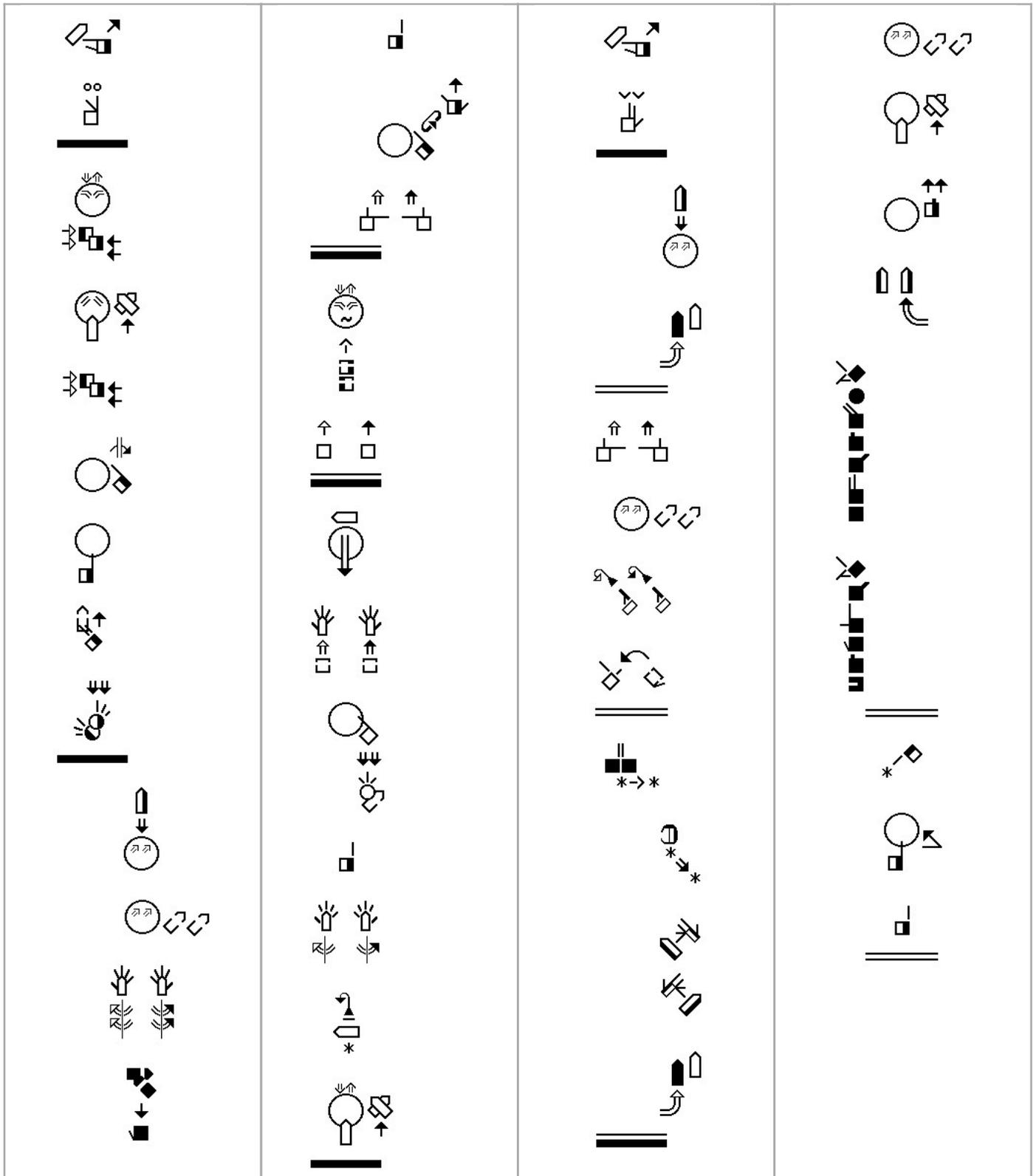
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because their efforts are helping other believers who are well loved. Teach these things, Timothy, and encourage everyone to obey them. Verse 3. Some people may contradict our teaching, but these are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life. NLT



Verse 10. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. Verse 11. But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. NLT



Verse 12. Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses. Verse 13. And I charge you before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony before Pontius Pilate, NLT

