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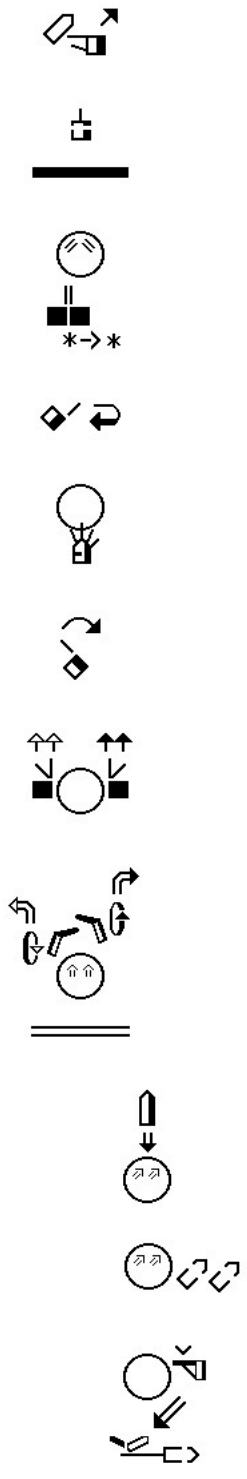
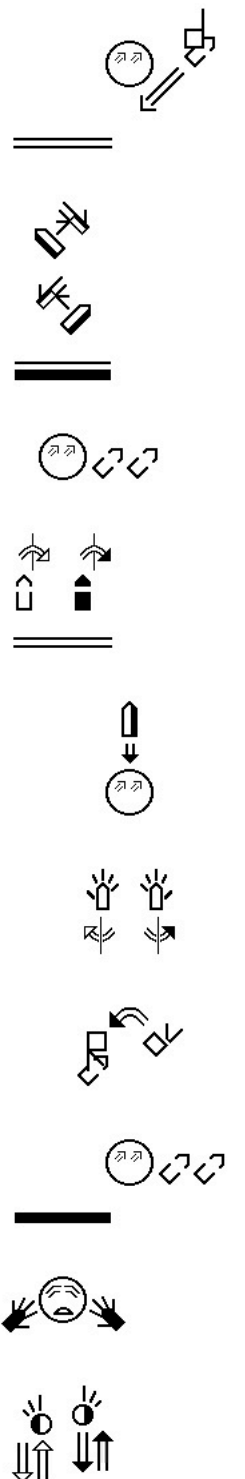
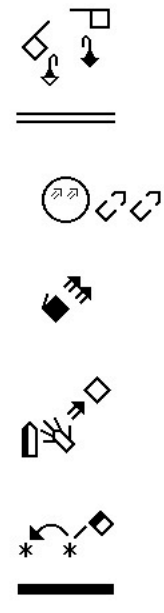
And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you. Verse 6. So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. NLT

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Verse 7. As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece -- throughout both Macedonia and Achaia. Verse 8a. And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, 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.

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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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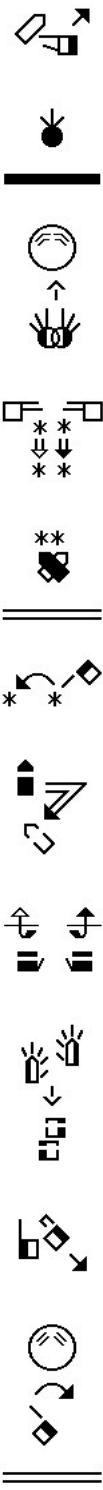
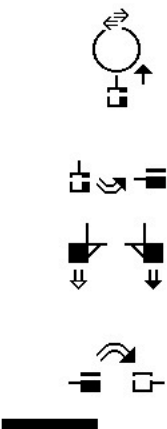
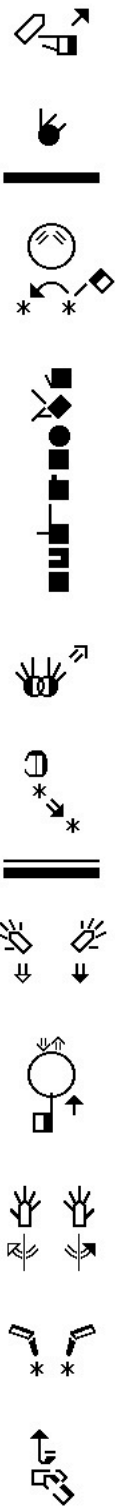
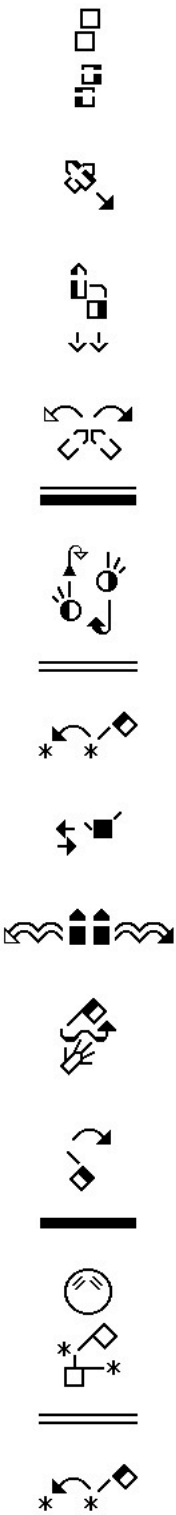
to you boldly, in spite of great opposition. Verse 3. So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery. Verse 4. For we speak as messengers approved by God

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






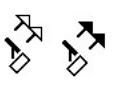









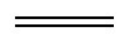


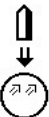


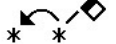
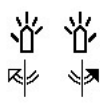






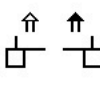








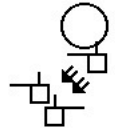
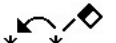
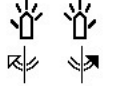




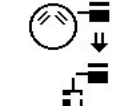


to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. Verse 5. Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money!

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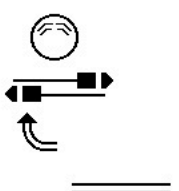
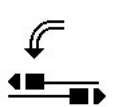



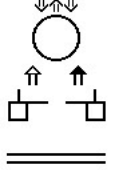
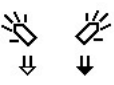
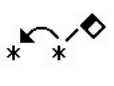



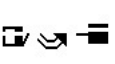

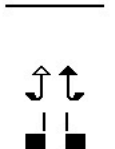

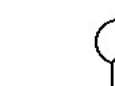

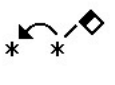
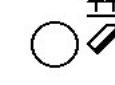
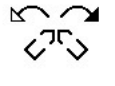







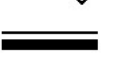












			
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Verse 6. As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else. Verse 7. As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we

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





















































         	             	         	               
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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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Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God's Good News to you. Verse 10. You yourselves are our witnesses -- and so is God -- that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers.

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Verse 11. And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children.
 Verse 12. We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory. Verse 13. Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when

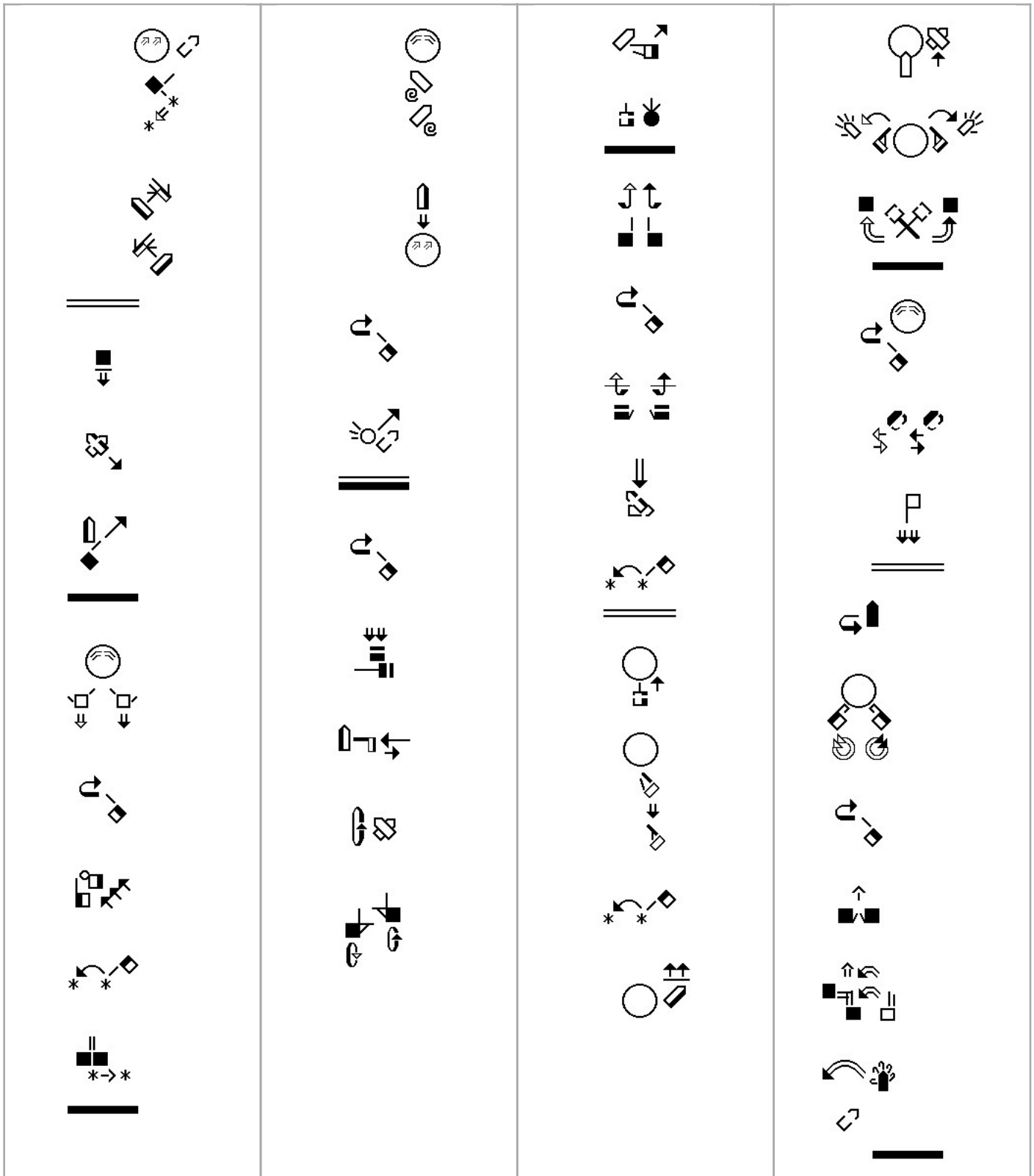
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you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God -- which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe. Verse 14. And then, dear brothers and sisters, you suffered persecution from your

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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, NLT



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.









































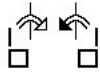









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But the anger of God has caught up with them at last. Verse 17. Dear brothers and sisters, after we were separated from you for a little while (though our hearts never left you), we tried very hard to come back because of our intense longing to see 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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Verse 3. and to keep you from being shaken by the troubles you were going through. But you know that we are destined for such troubles. Verse 4. Even while we were with you, we warned you that troubles would soon come -- and they did, as you well know. NLT

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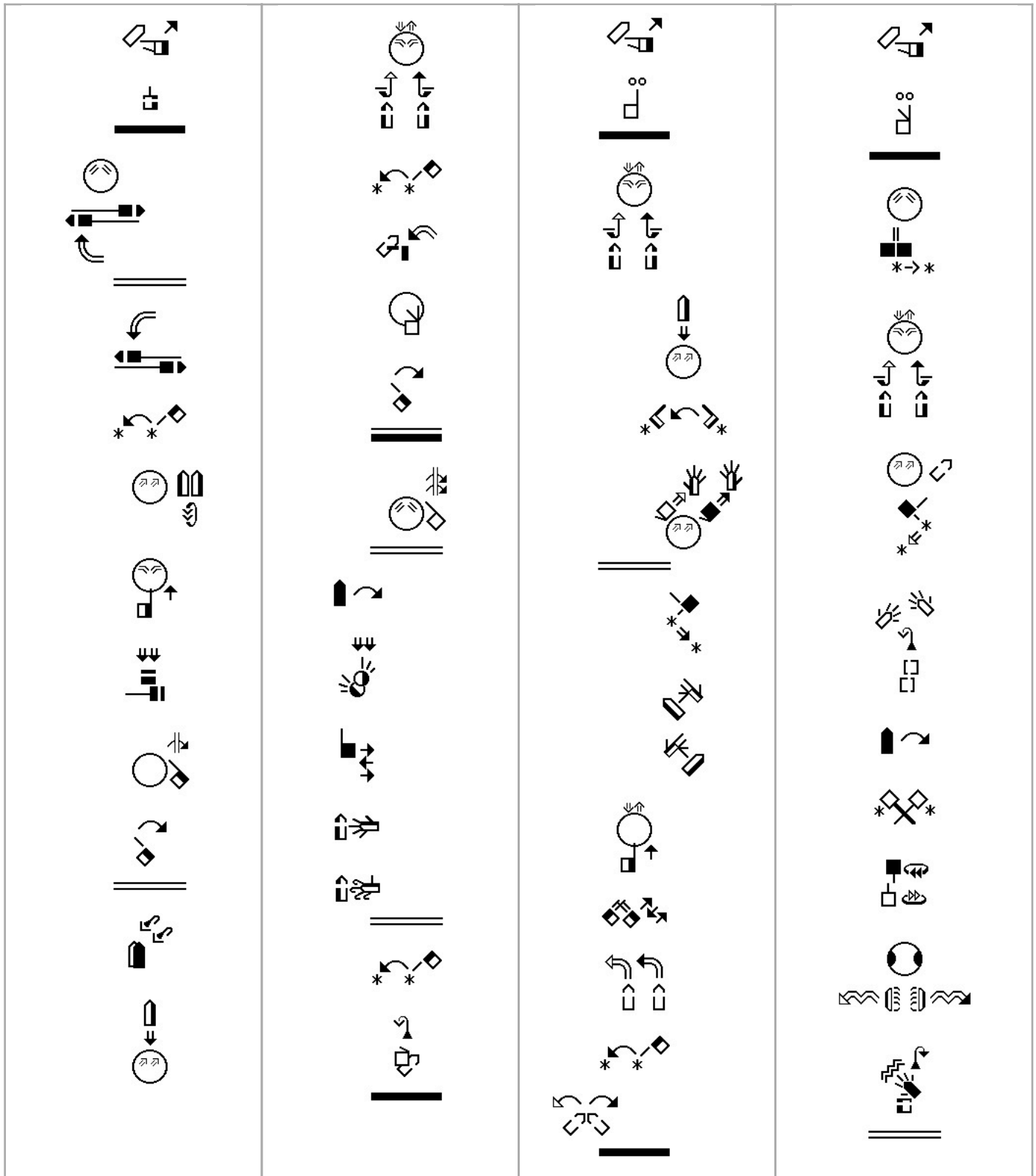
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news about your faith and love. He reports that you always remember our visit with joy and that you want to see us as much as we want to see you. Verse 7. So we have been greatly encouraged in the midst of our troubles

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


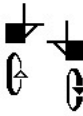























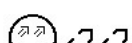


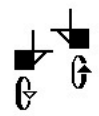




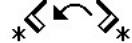






















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and suffering, dear brothers and sisters, because you have remained strong in your faith. Verse 8. It gives us new life to know that you are standing firm in the Lord. Verse 9. How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence. NLT



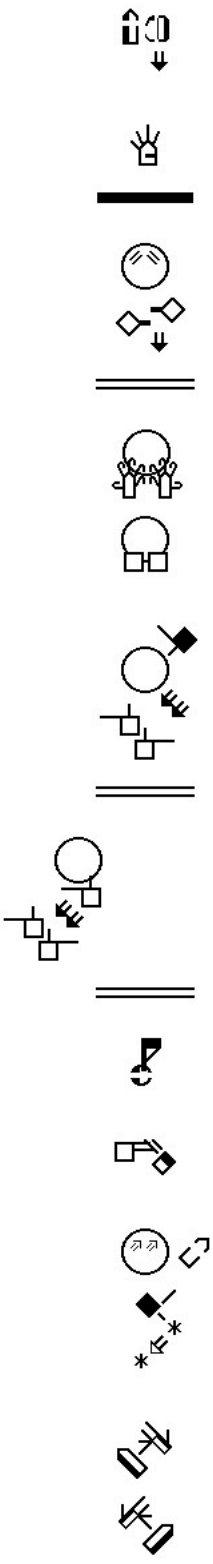
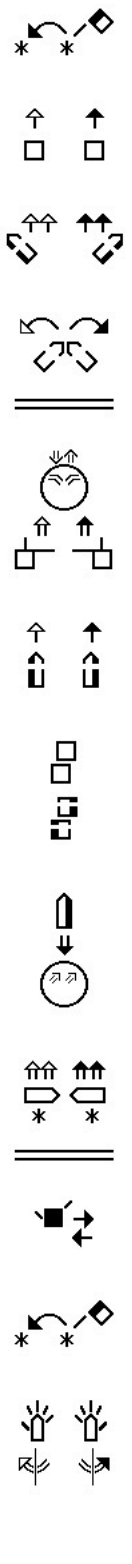
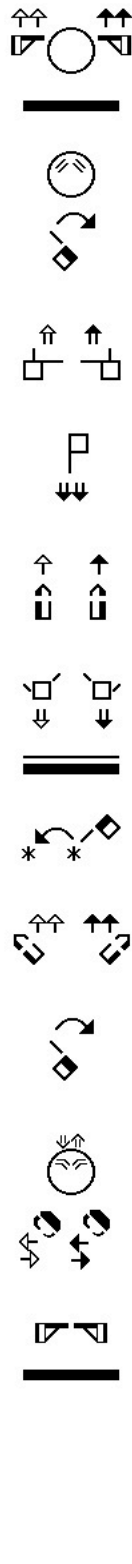
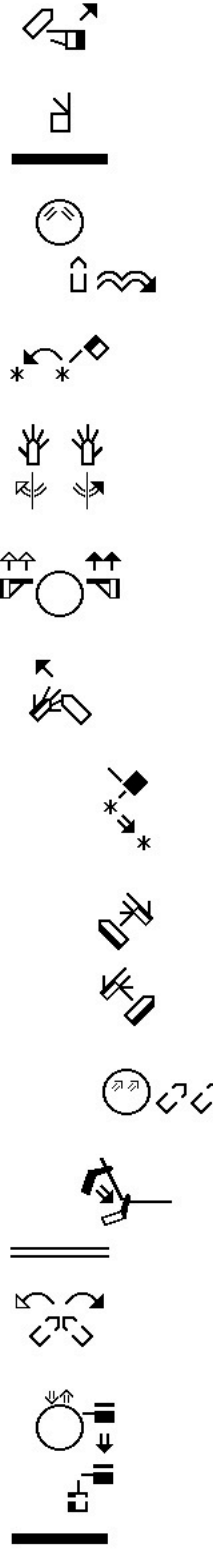
Verse 10. Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith. Verse 11. May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon. Verse 12. And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow,

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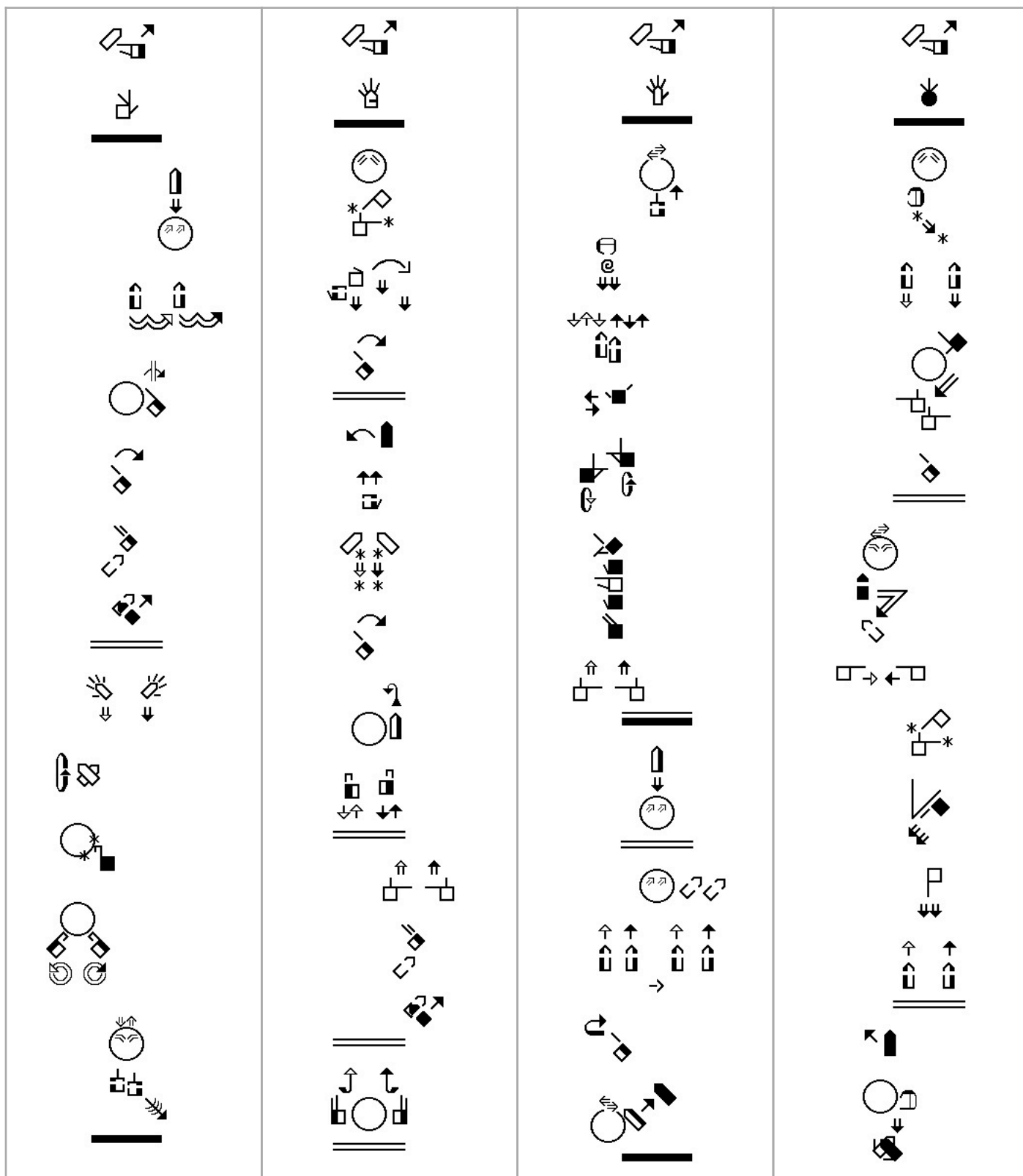
just as our love for you overflows. Verse 13. May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.

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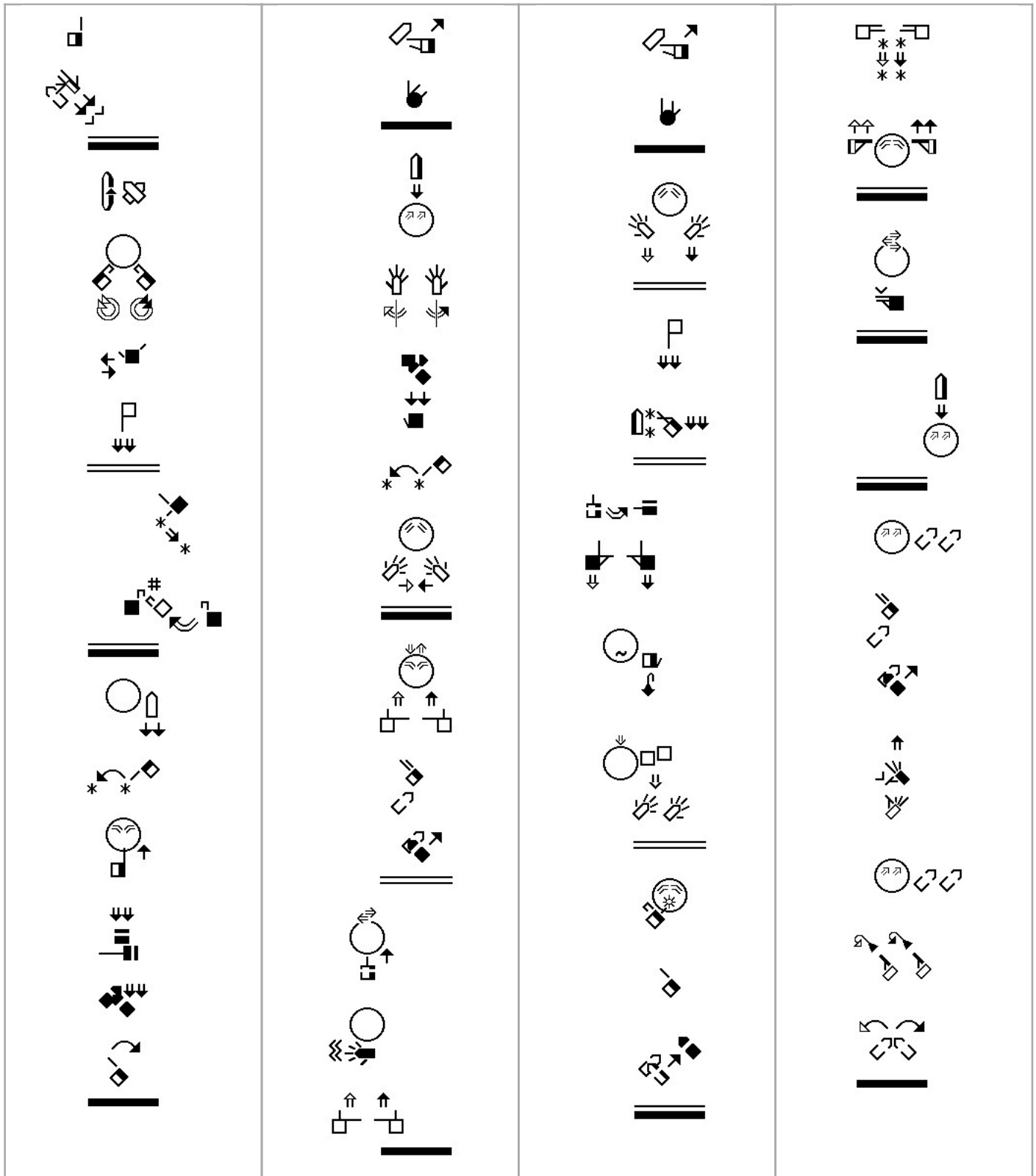
Chapter 4. Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. Verse 2. For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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





















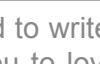
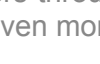










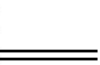


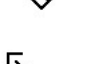























Verse 3. God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Verse 4. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor -- Verse 5. not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. Verse 6. Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this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

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










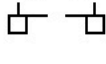



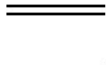



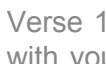















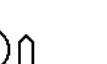







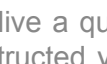
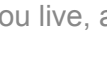

















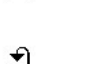
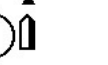



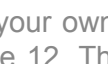
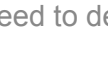






















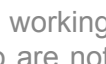



for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. Verse 7. God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Verse 8. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

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Verse 9. But we don't need to write to you about the importance of loving each other, for God himself has taught you to love one another. Verse 10. Indeed, you already show your love for all the believers throughout Macedonia. Even so, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you to love them even more.

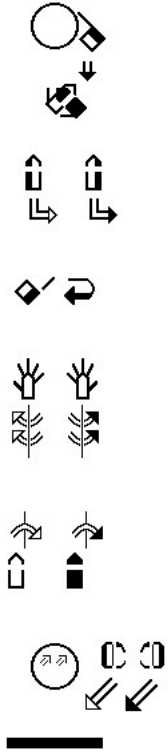

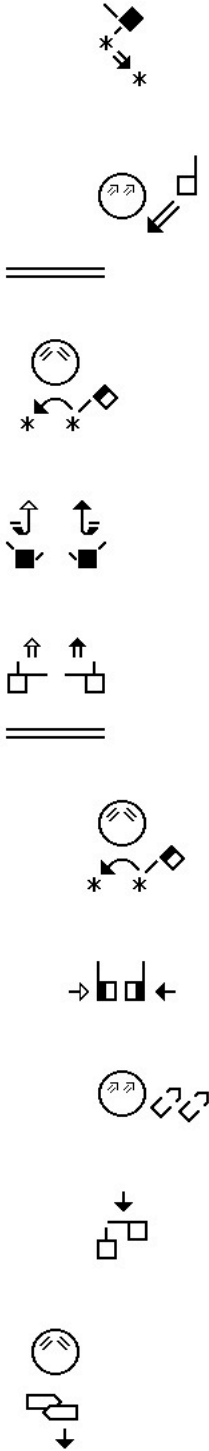
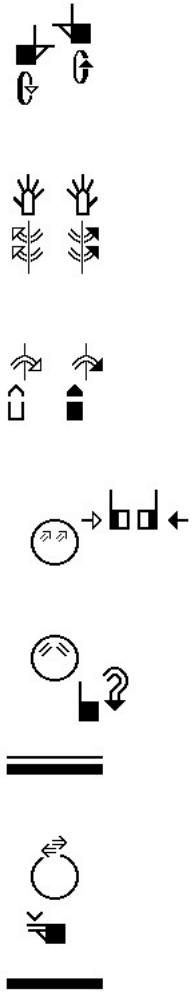
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Verse 11. Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. Verse 12. Then people who are not Christians will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others. NLT

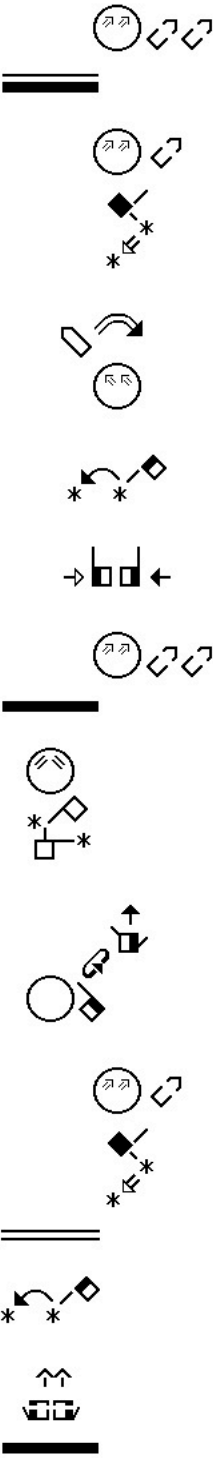
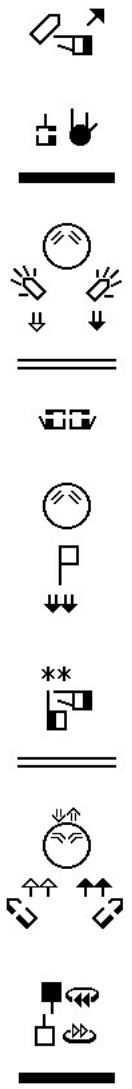
Verse 13. And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. Verse 14. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back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

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33 the believers who have died. Verse 15. We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died.
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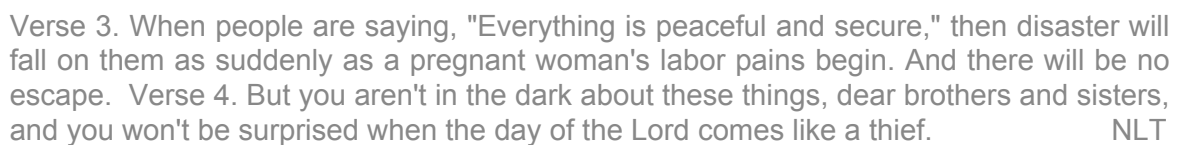
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


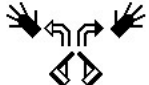















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Chapter 5. Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. Verse 2. For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.

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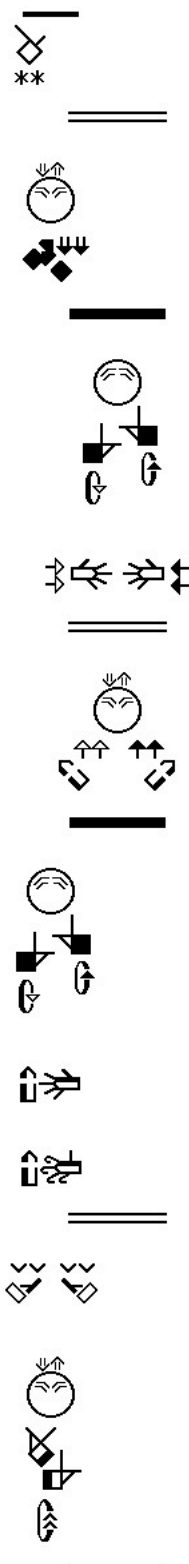

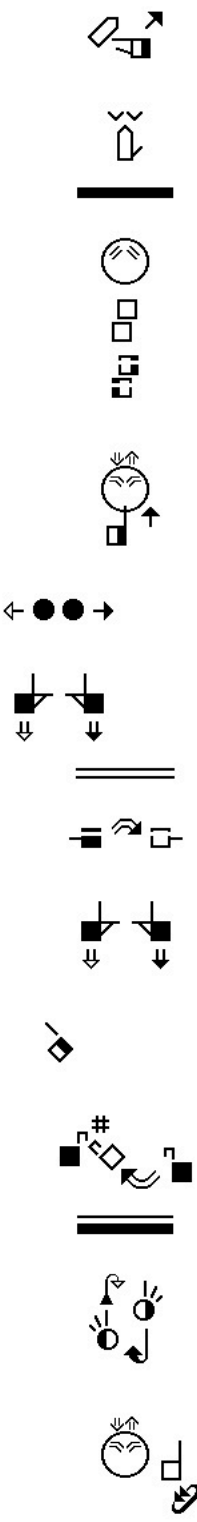
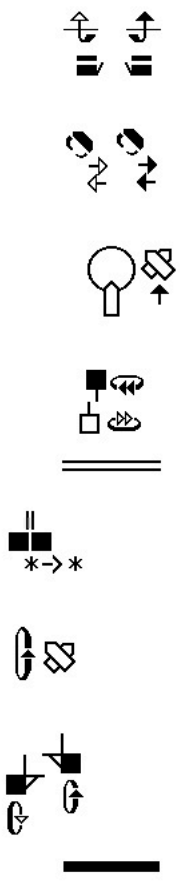
                     
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










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.

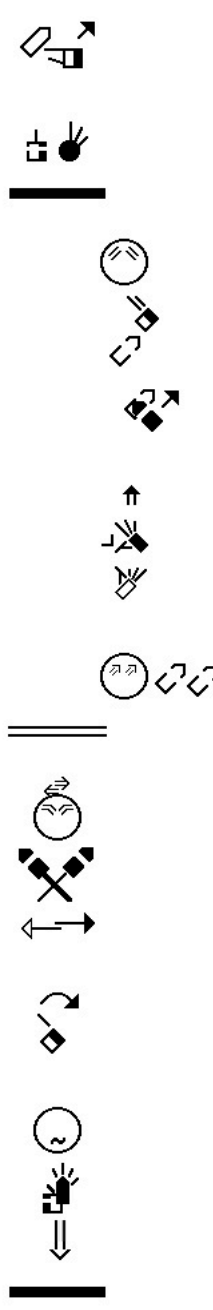
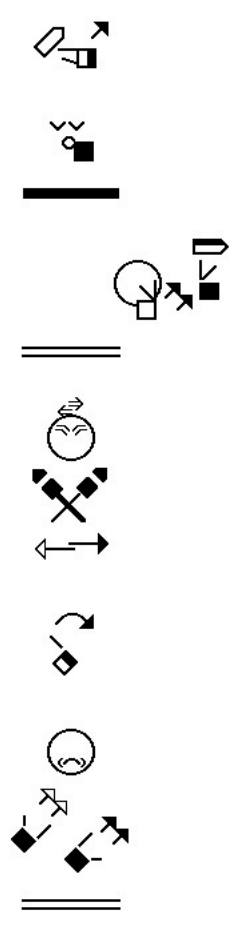
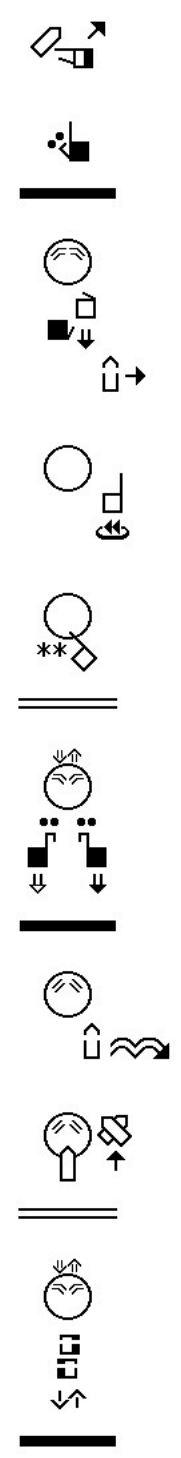
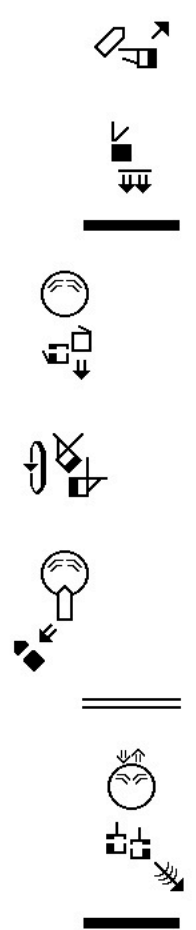
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 <p>ASL sign sequence for 1 Thessalonians 5:1-14. The sequence includes signs for 'brothers and sisters', 'the day of the Lord', 'be sober', 'be vigilant', 'do not sleep', 'be like the watchmen', 'pray without ceasing', 'love one another', 'be patient', 'be kind', 'be gentle', 'be merciful', 'be humble', 'be meek', 'be patient with one another', 'be kind to one another', 'be gentle to one another', 'be merciful to one another', 'be humble to one another', 'be meek to one another', 'be patient with one another', 'be kind to one another', 'be gentle to one another', 'be merciful to one another', 'be humble to one another', 'be meek to one another'.</p>	 <p>ASL sign sequence for 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18. The sequence includes signs for 'do not pay back evil for evil', 'be kind to all people', 'bless those who persecute you', 'pray for those who persecute you', 'rejoice in the Lord', 'pray without ceasing', 'be kind to one another', 'be gentle to one another', 'be merciful to one another', 'be humble to one another', 'be meek to one another', 'be patient with one another', 'be kind to one another', 'be gentle to one another', 'be merciful to one another', 'be humble to one another', 'be meek to one another', 'be patient with one another', 'be kind to one another', 'be gentle to one another', 'be merciful to one another', 'be humble to one another', 'be meek to one another'.</p>	 <p>ASL sign sequence for 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22. The sequence includes signs for 'do not quench the Spirit', 'do not despise prophetic words', 'test all things', 'hold fast to what is good', 'avoid what is evil', 'be holy', 'be righteous', 'be blameless', 'be pure', 'be innocent', 'be without blemish', 'be without stain', 'be without spot', 'be without fault', 'be without reproach', 'be without blame', 'be without fault', 'be without reproach', 'be without blame', 'be without fault', 'be without reproach', 'be without blame', 'be without fault', 'be without reproach', 'be without blame'.</p>	 <p>ASL sign sequence for 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24. The sequence includes signs for 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you', 'may the Lord himself be with you and keep you'.</p>
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to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. Verse 15. See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

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Verse 19. Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. Verse 20. Do not scoff at prophecies, Verse 21. but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. Verse 22. Stay away from every kind of evil.

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