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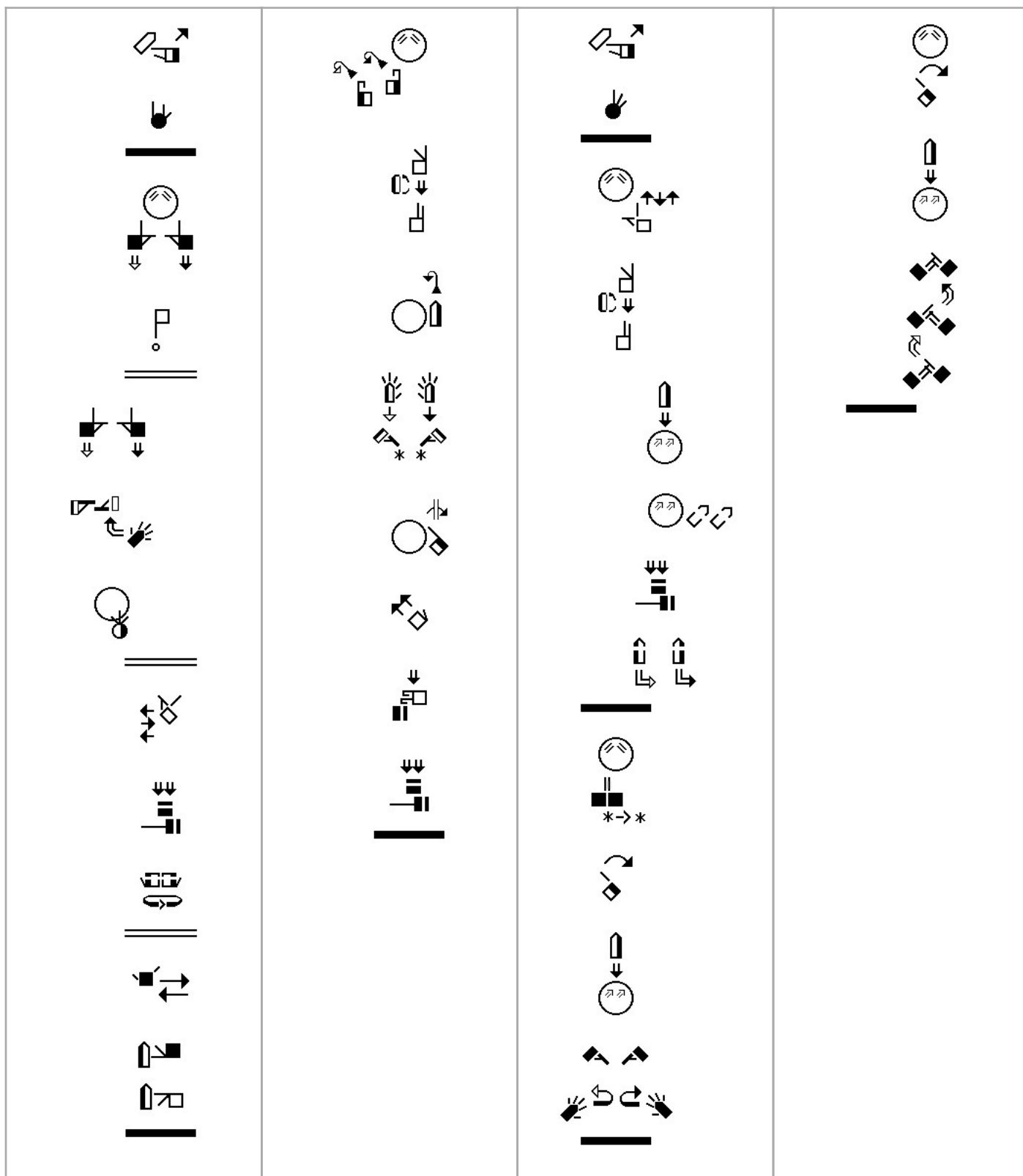
Chapter 3. Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life. Verse 2. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, NLT

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27 because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, Verse 3. for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world? Verse 4. When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another says, NLT

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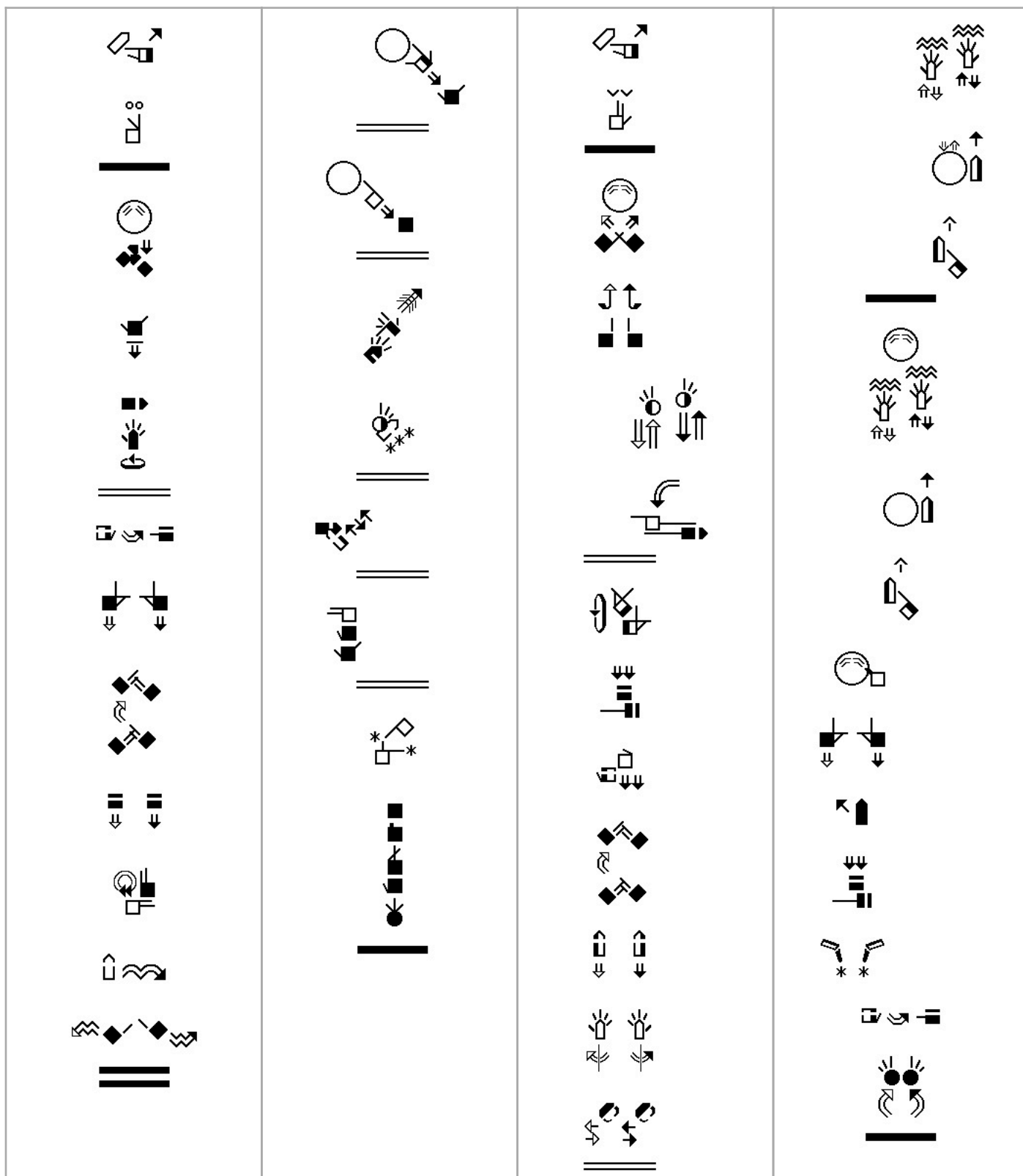
Verse 8. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. Verse 9. For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.

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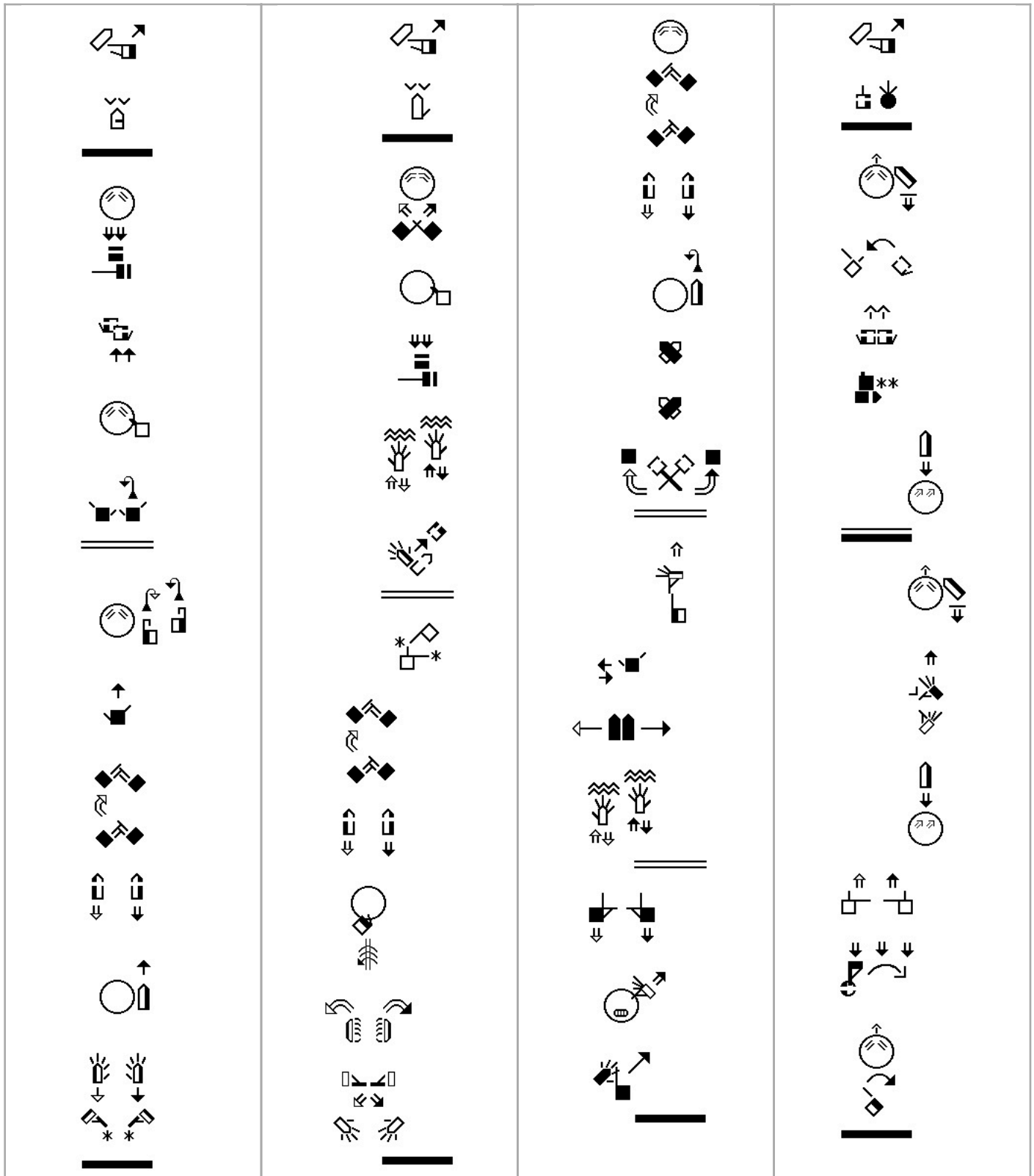
Verse 10. Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. Verse 11. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have -- Jesus Christ.

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Verse 12. Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials -- gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. Verse 13. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.

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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

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Verse 19. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As the Scriptures say, "He traps the wise in the snare of their own cleverness." Verse 20. And again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise; he knows they are worthless." NLT

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