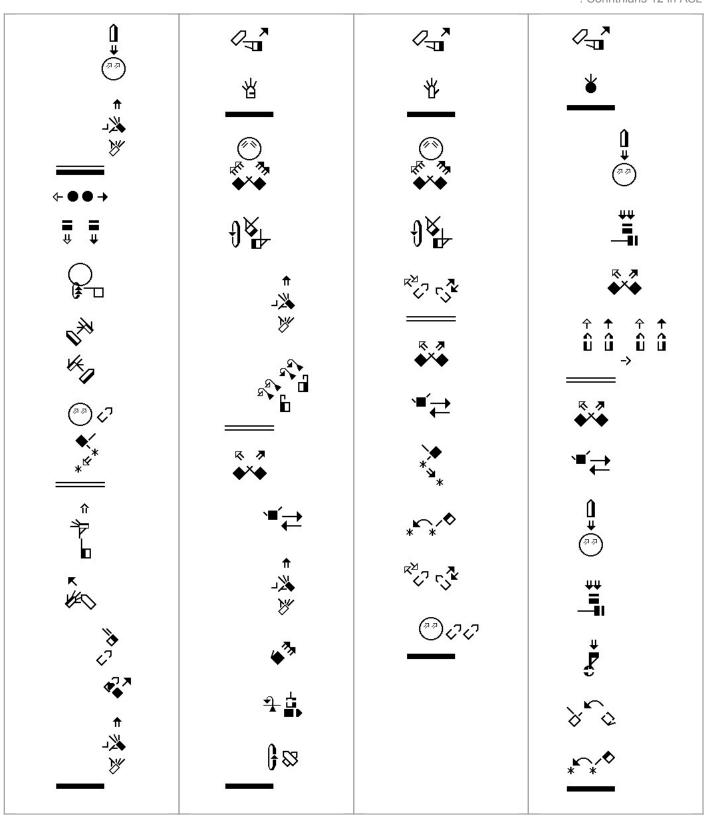
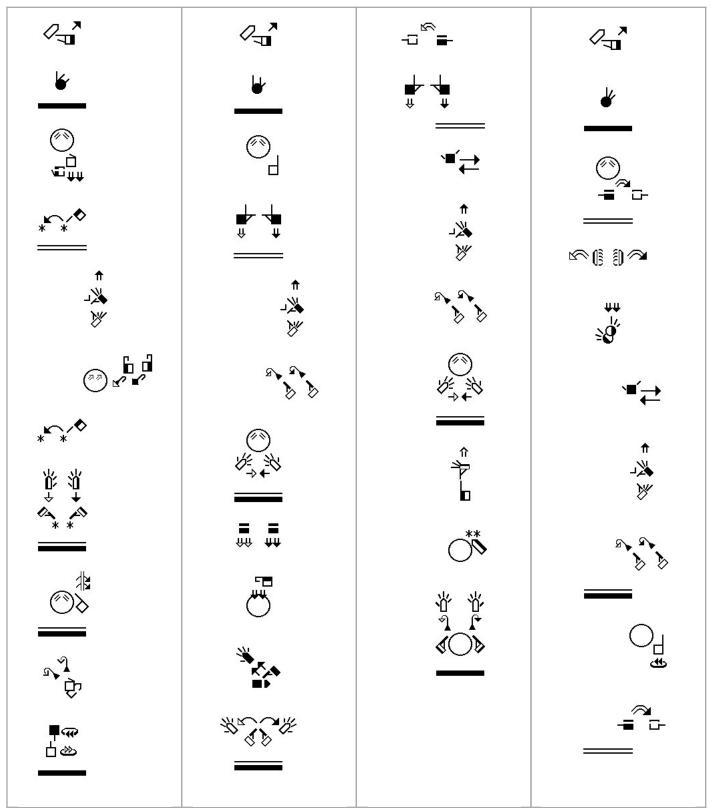


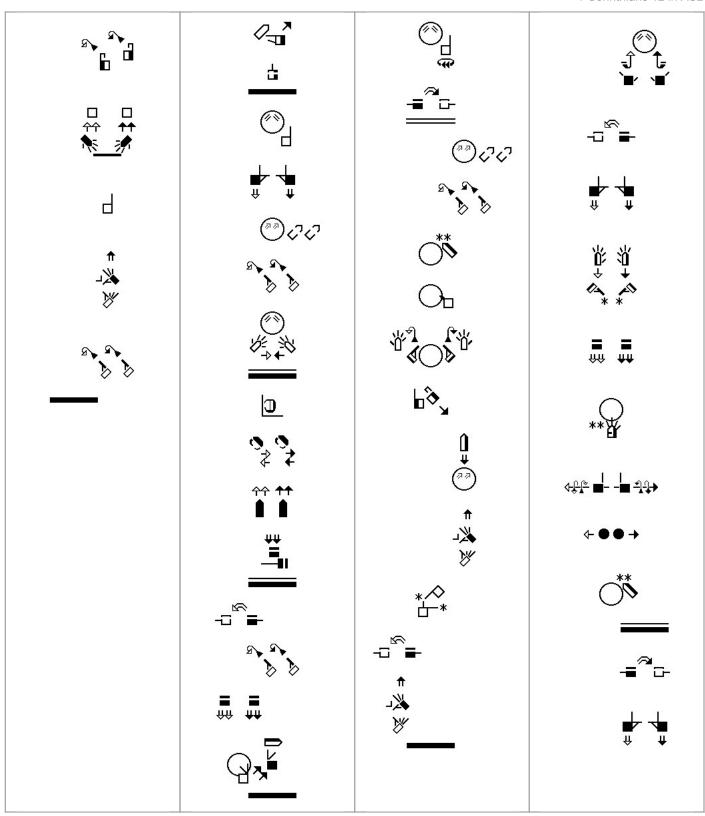
Chapter 12. Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this. Verse 2. You know that when you were still pagans, you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. Verse 3. So I want you know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



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.



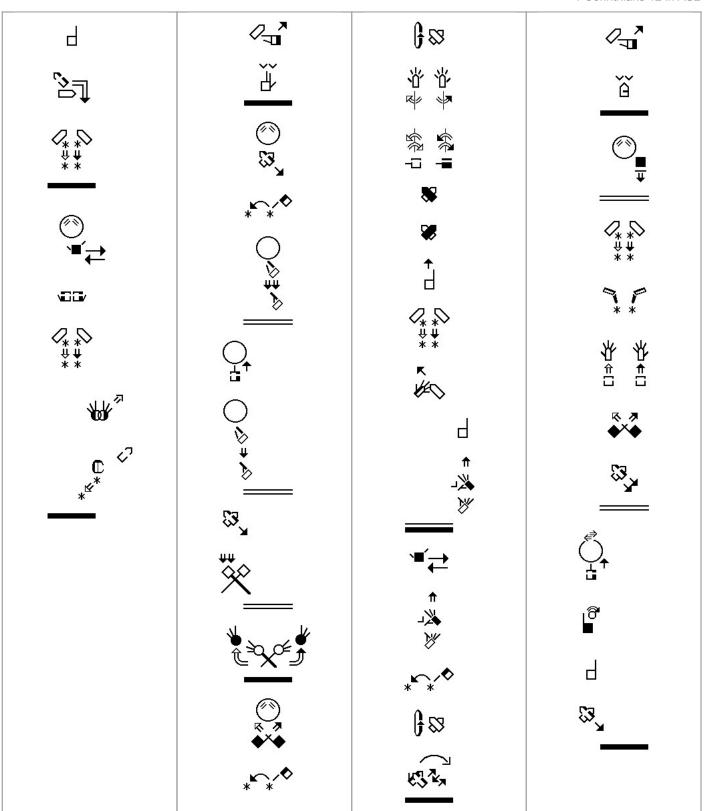
Verse 7. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. Verse 8. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. Verse 9. The same spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else



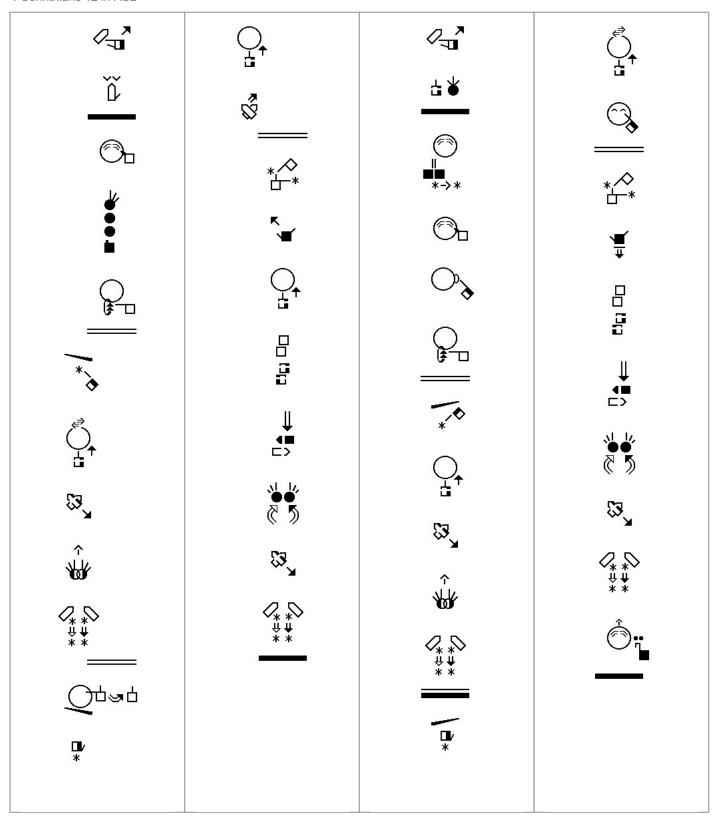
the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. Verse 10. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak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

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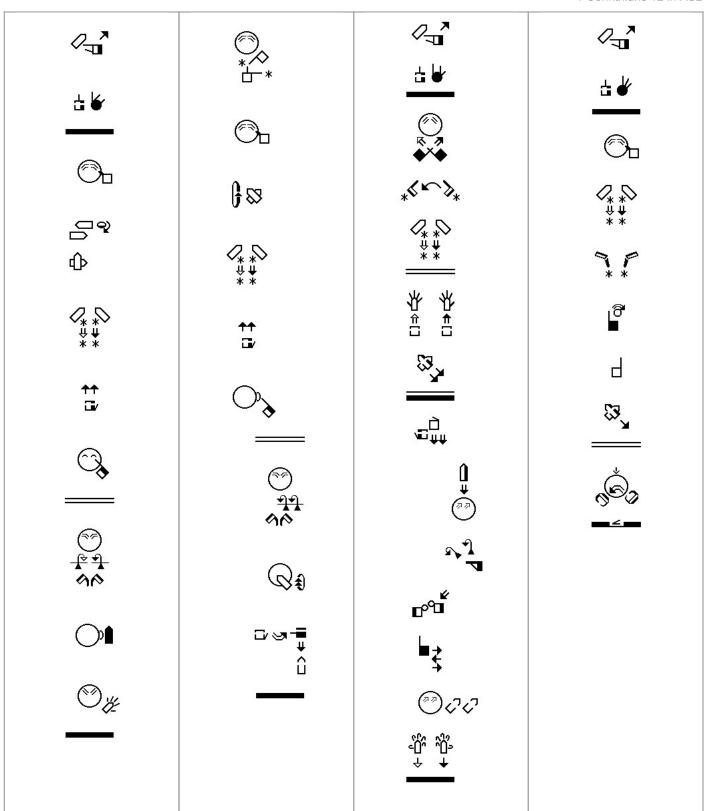
is given the ability to interpret what is being said. Verse 11. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. Verse 12. The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up NLT



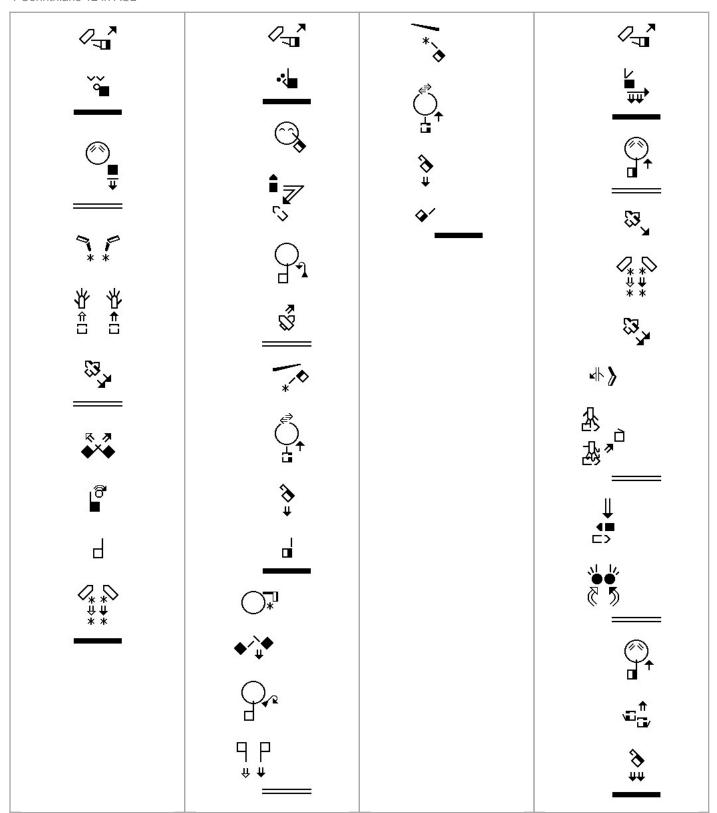
one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Verse 13. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. Verse 14. Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.



Verse 15. If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. Verse 16. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? NLT

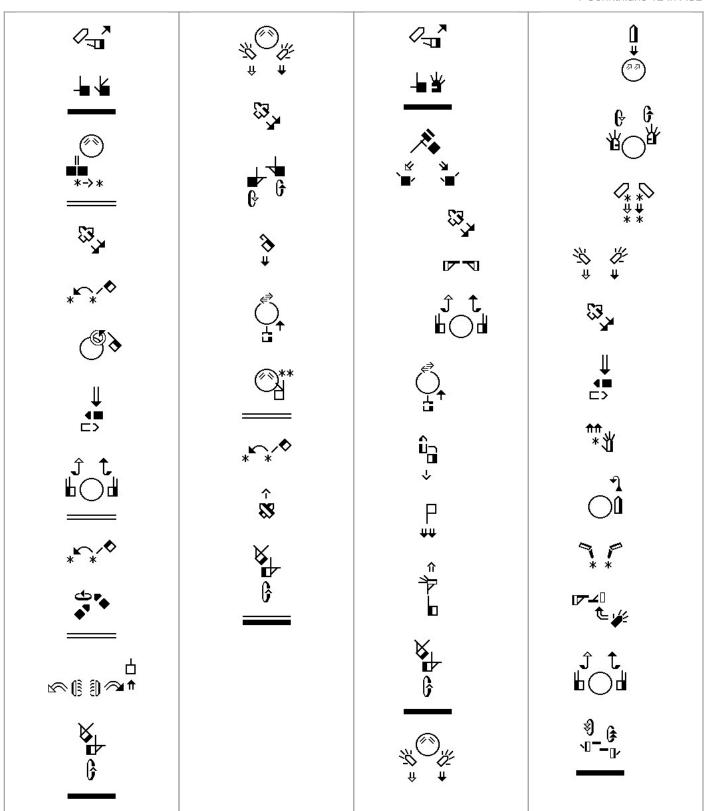


Verse 17. If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? Verse 18. But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. Verse 19. How strange a body would be if it had only one part!

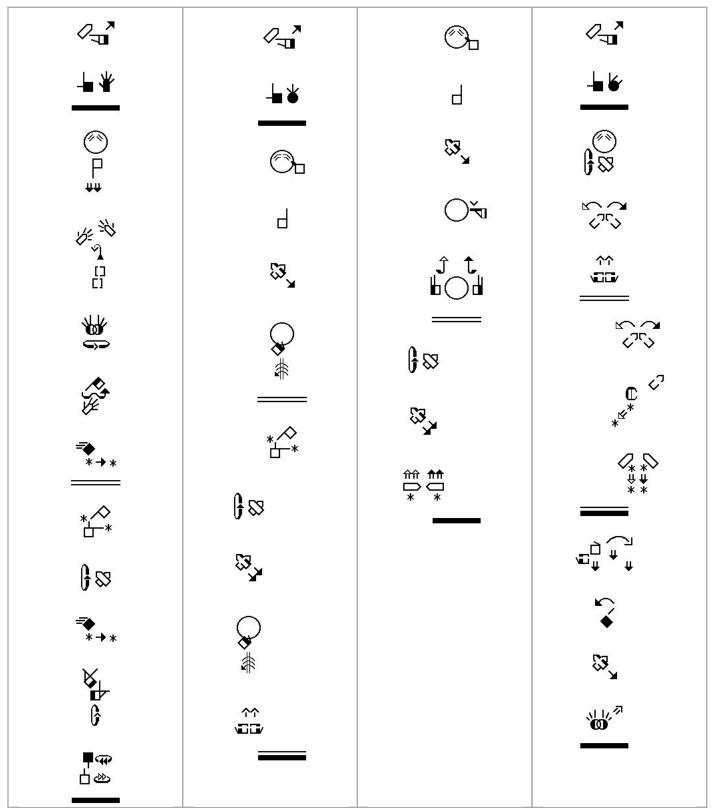


Verse 20. Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. Verse 21. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." Verse 22. In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.

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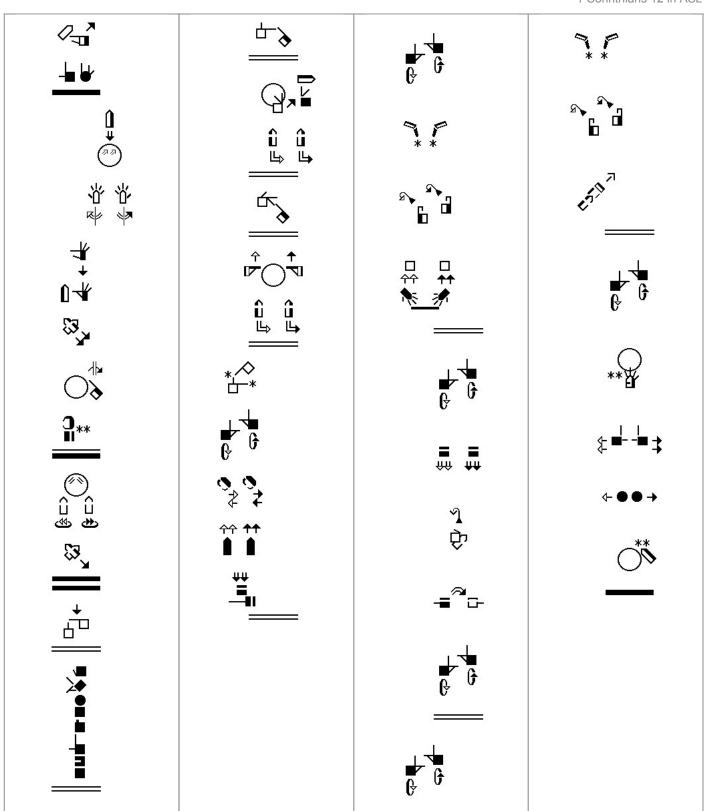


Verse 23. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, Verse 24. while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity.

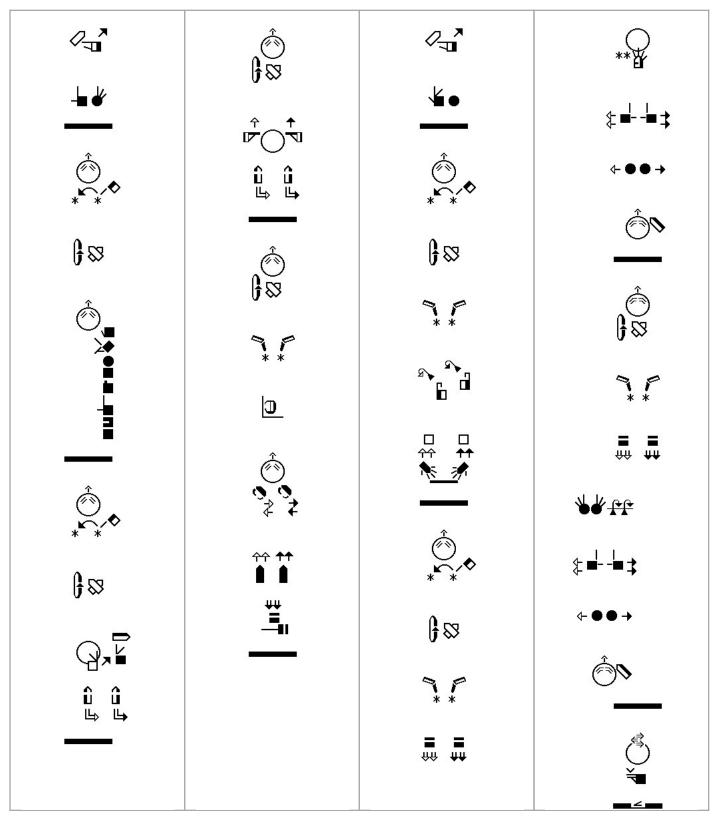


Verse 25. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. Verse 26. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. Verse 27. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

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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.



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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