

Chapter 14. Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives -- especially the ability to prophesy. Verse 2. For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious.

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Verse 3. But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. Verse 4. A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church. Verse 5. I wish you could all speak in tongues, but even more

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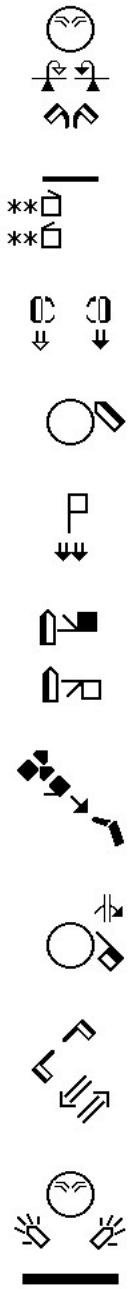
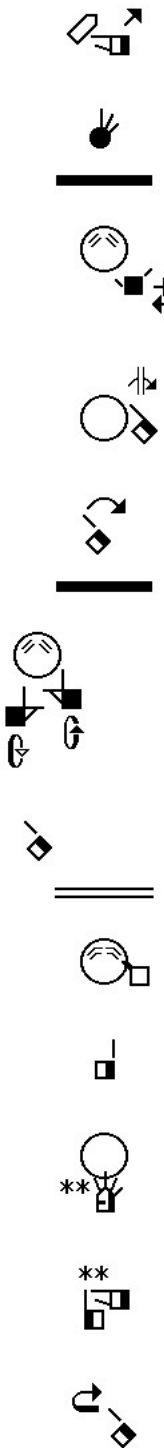
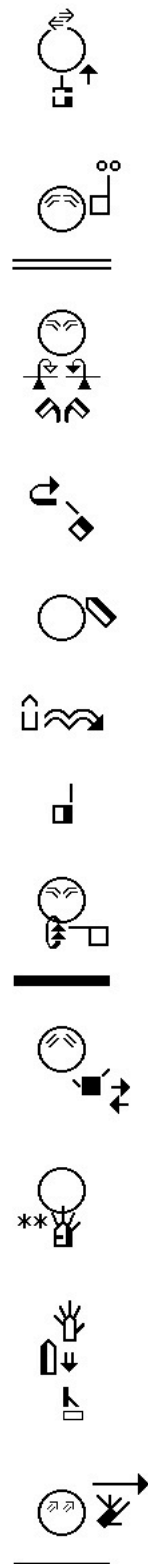
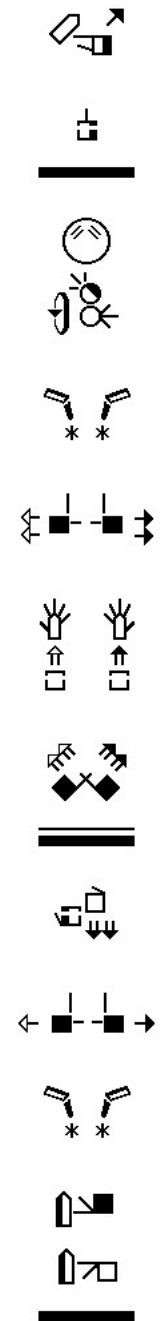
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I wish you could all prophesy. For prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues, unless someone interprets what you are saying so that the whole church will be strengthened. Verse 6. Dear brothers and sisters, if I should come to you speaking in an unknown language, how would that help you? But if I bring you a revelation or some special knowledge or prophecy or NLT

<p>ASL sign sequence for 'teaching': A hand holds a circle with two arrows pointing up from it. Below this, a hand holds a circle with one arrow pointing down from it. Then, two hands hold two vertical rectangles. Next, two hands hold two horizontal rectangles. This is followed by a double horizontal line. Then, a hand holds a square with an arrow pointing down from it. Next, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing up from it. Finally, two hands hold two vertical rectangles.</p>	<p>ASL sign sequence for 'that will be helpful': A hand holds a rectangle with an arrow pointing up from it. Below this, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing down from it. Then, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing up from it. Next, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing down from it. This is followed by a double horizontal line. Then, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing up from it. Next, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing down from it. Finally, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing up from it.</p>	<p>ASL sign sequence for 'Verse 7. Even lifeless instruments like the flute or the harp must play the notes clearly': A hand holds a rectangle with an arrow pointing up from it. Below this, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing down from it. Then, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing up from it. Next, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing down from it. This is followed by a double horizontal line. Then, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing up from it. Next, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing down from it. Finally, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing up from it.</p>	<p>ASL sign sequence for 'Verse 8. And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear call': A hand holds a rectangle with an arrow pointing up from it. Below this, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing down from it. Then, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing up from it. Next, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing down from it. This is followed by a double horizontal line. Then, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing up from it. Next, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing down from it. Finally, a hand holds a circle with an arrow pointing up from it.</p>
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how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? Verse 9. It's the same for you. If you speak to people in words they don't understand, how will they know what you are saying? You might as well be talking into empty space. Verse 10. There are many different languages in the world, and every language has meaning. NLT

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Verse 11. But if I don't understand a language, I will be a foreigner to someone who speaks it, and the one who speaks it will be a foreigner to me. Verse 12. And the same is true for you. Since you are so eager to have the special abilities the Spirit gives, seek those that will strengthen the whole church.

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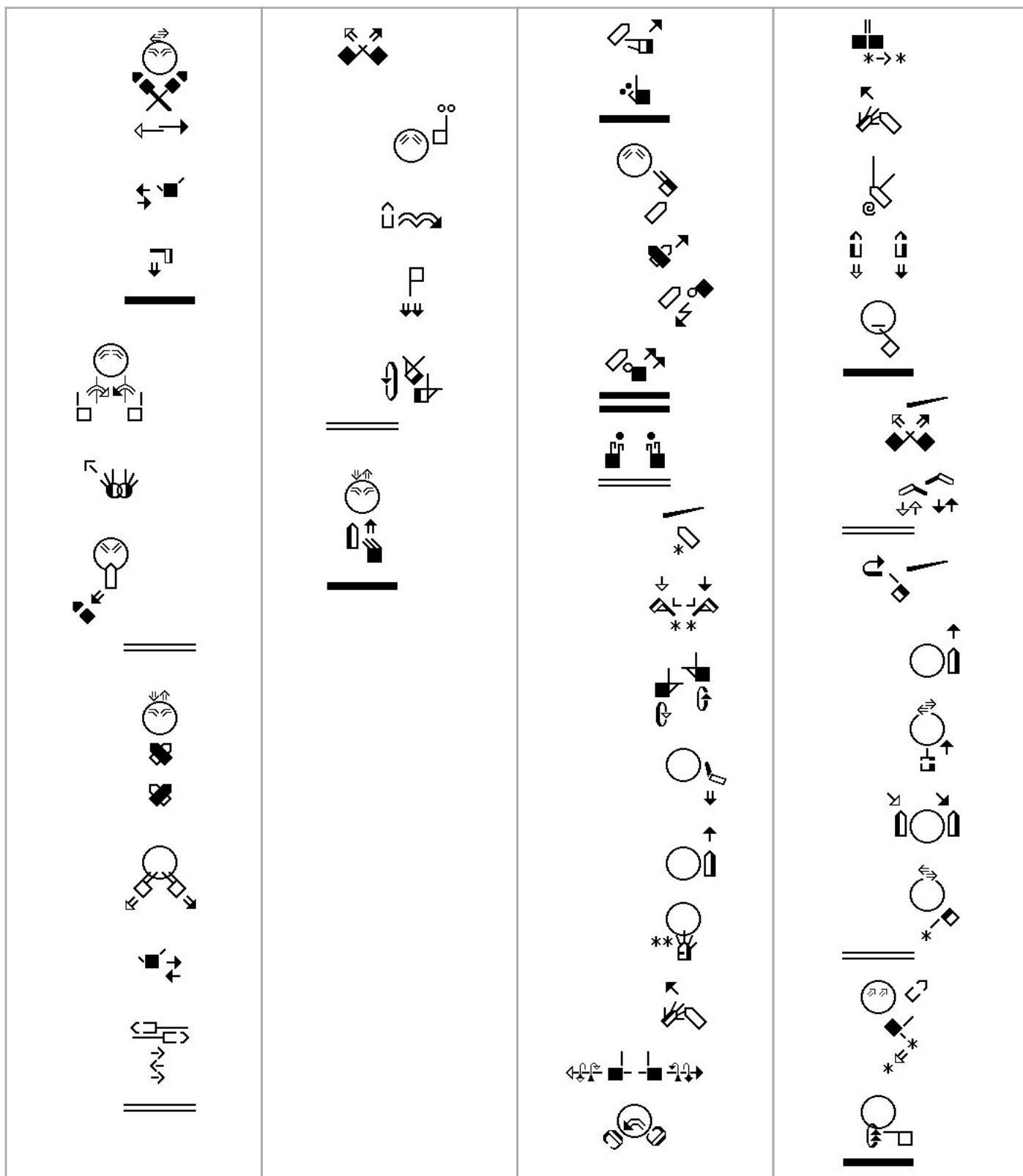
Verse 13. So anyone who speaks in tongues should pray also for the ability to interpret what has been said. Verse 14. For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying. Verse 15. Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand. NLT

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
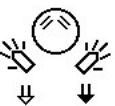



























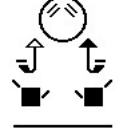






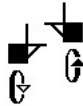

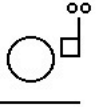


Verse 18. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you. Verse 19. But in a church meeting I would rather speak five understandable words to help others than ten thousand words in an unknown language. Verse 20. Dear brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your understanding of these things.

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Be innocent as babies when it comes to evil, but be mature in understanding matters of this kind. Verse 21. It is written in the Scriptures: "I will speak to my own people through strange languages and through the lips of foreigners. But even then, they will not listen to me," says the LORD.

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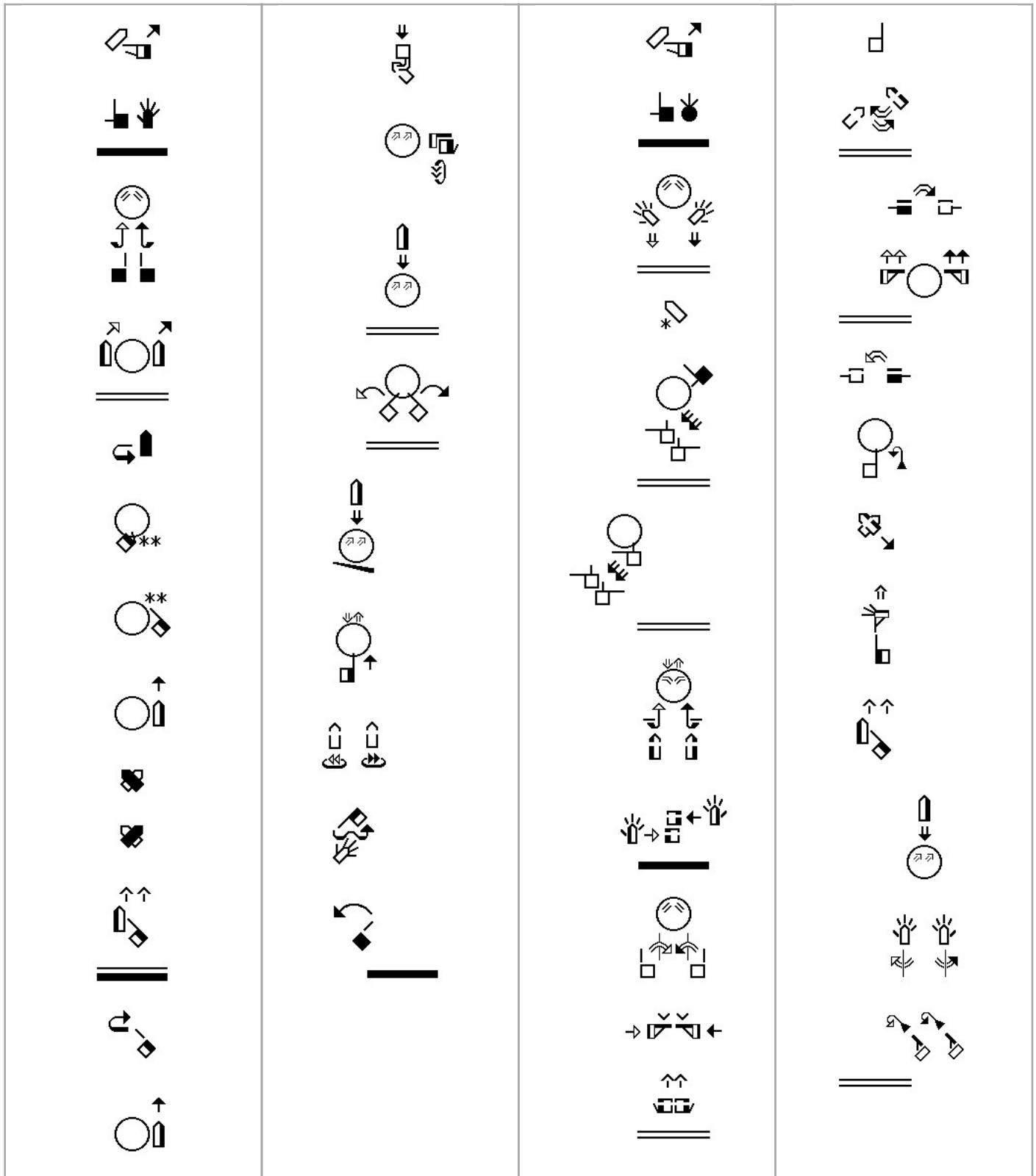
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Verse 22. So you see that speaking in tongues is a sign, not for believers, but for unbelievers. Prophecy, however, is for the benefit of believers, not unbelievers. Verse NLT

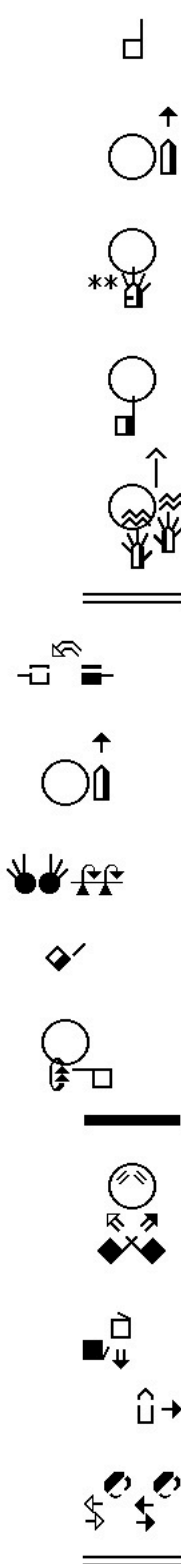

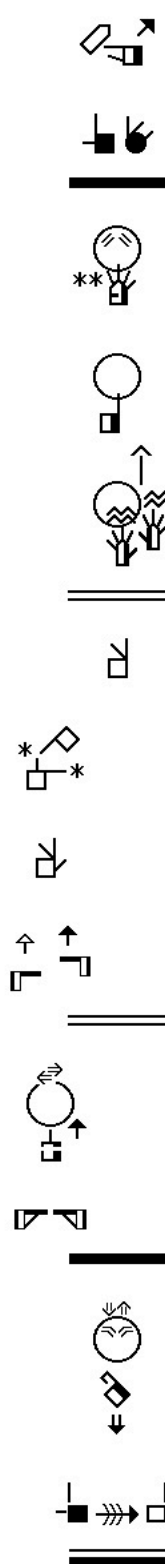
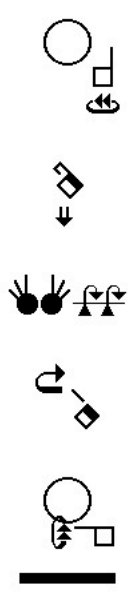
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come into your church meeting and hear everyone speaking in an unknown language, they will think you are crazy. Verse 24. But if all of you are prophesying, and unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your meeting, they will be convicted of sin and judged by what you say.

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Verse 25. As they listen, their secret thoughts will be exposed, and they will fall to their knees and worship God, declaring, "God is truly here among you." Verse 26. Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize. When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, NLT

 <p>ASL sign sequence for 1 Corinthians 14:26-27. The sequence includes signs for 'one', 'will', 'speak', 'in', 'tongues', 'and', 'another', 'will', 'interpret', 'what', 'is', 'said', 'But', 'everything', 'that', 'is', 'done', 'must', 'strengthen', 'all', 'of', 'you', 'Verse', '27', 'No', 'more', 'than', 'two', 'or', 'three', 'should', 'speak', 'in', 'tongues', 'They', 'must', 'speak', 'one', 'at', 'a', 'time', 'and', 'someone', 'must', 'interpret', 'what', 'they', 'say'.</p>	 <p>ASL sign sequence for 1 Corinthians 14:28. The sequence includes signs for 'one', 'at', 'a', 'time', 'and', 'someone', 'must', 'interpret', 'what', 'they', 'say'.</p>	 <p>ASL sign sequence for 1 Corinthians 14:29. The sequence includes signs for 'one', 'will', 'speak', 'in', 'tongues', 'and', 'another', 'will', 'interpret', 'what', 'is', 'said', 'But', 'everything', 'that', 'is', 'done', 'must', 'strengthen', 'all', 'of', 'you', 'Verse', '29', 'No', 'more', 'than', 'two', 'or', 'three', 'should', 'speak', 'in', 'tongues', 'They', 'must', 'speak', 'one', 'at', 'a', 'time', 'and', 'someone', 'must', 'interpret', 'what', 'they', 'say'.</p>	 <p>ASL sign sequence for 1 Corinthians 14:30. The sequence includes signs for 'one', 'will', 'speak', 'in', 'tongues', 'and', 'another', 'will', 'interpret', 'what', 'is', 'said', 'But', 'everything', 'that', 'is', 'done', 'must', 'strengthen', 'all', 'of', 'you', 'Verse', '30', 'No', 'more', 'than', 'two', 'or', 'three', 'should', 'speak', 'in', 'tongues', 'They', 'must', 'speak', 'one', 'at', 'a', 'time', 'and', 'someone', 'must', 'interpret', 'what', 'they', 'say'.</p>
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one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must strengthen all of you. Verse 27. No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say. NLT

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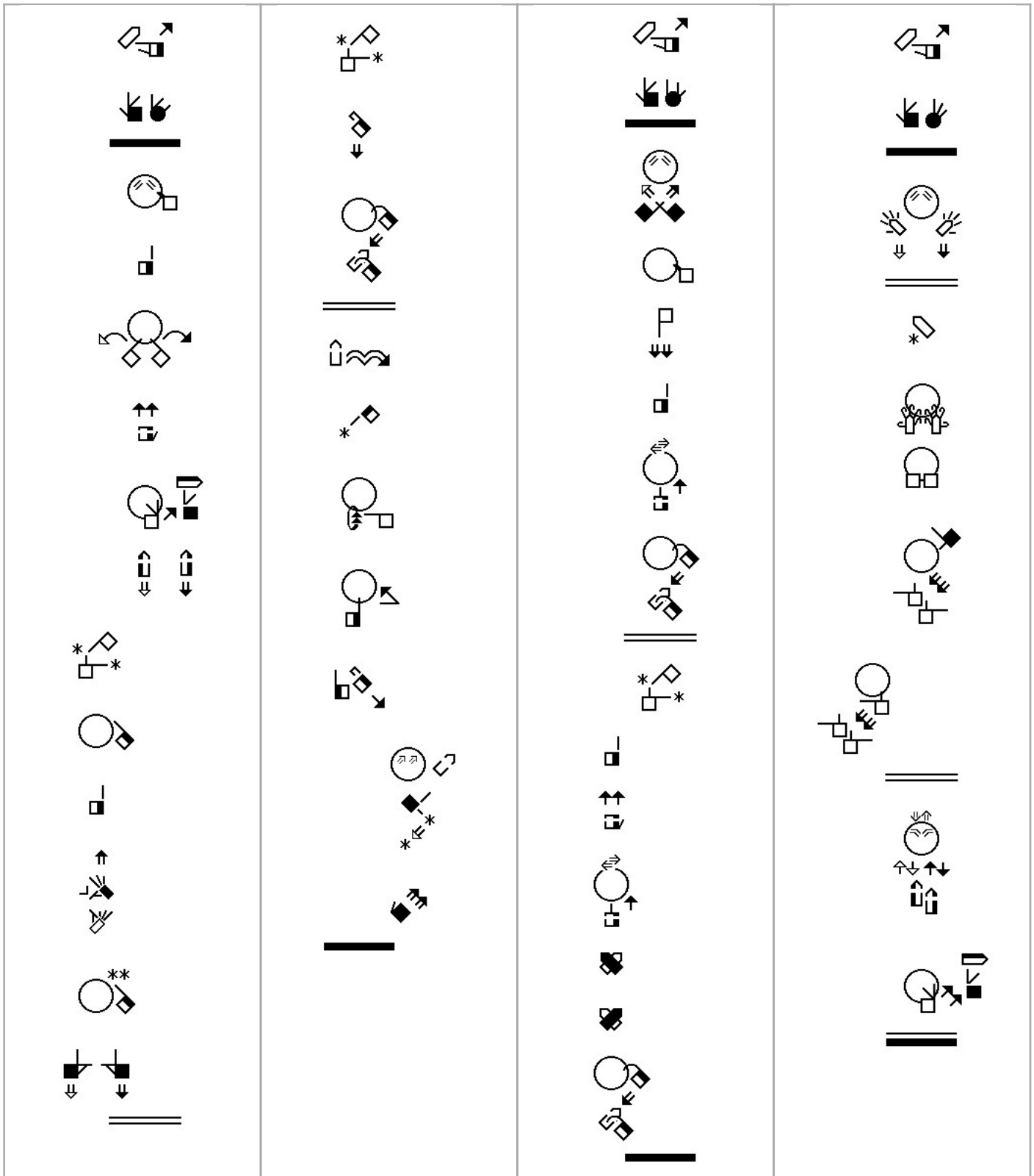
Verse 28. But if no one is present who can interpret, they must be silent in your church meeting and speak in tongues to God privately. Verse 29. Let two or three people prophesy, and let the others evaluate what is said. Verse 30. But if someone is prophesying and another person receives a revelation

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from the Lord, the one who is speaking must stop. Verse 31. In this way, all who prophesy will have a turn to speak, one after the other, so that everyone will learn and be encouraged. Verse 32. Remember that people who prophesy are in control of their spirit and can take turns.

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Verse 37. If you claim to be a prophet or think you are spiritual, you should recognize that what I am saying is a command from the Lord himself. Verse 38. But if you do not recognize this, you yourself will not be recognized. Verse 39. So, my dear brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, NLT

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