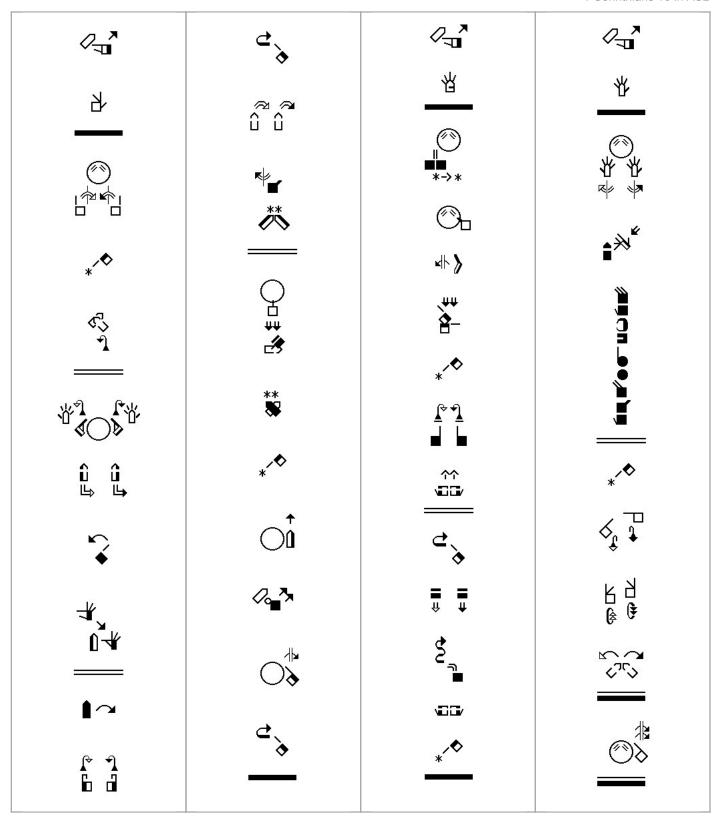
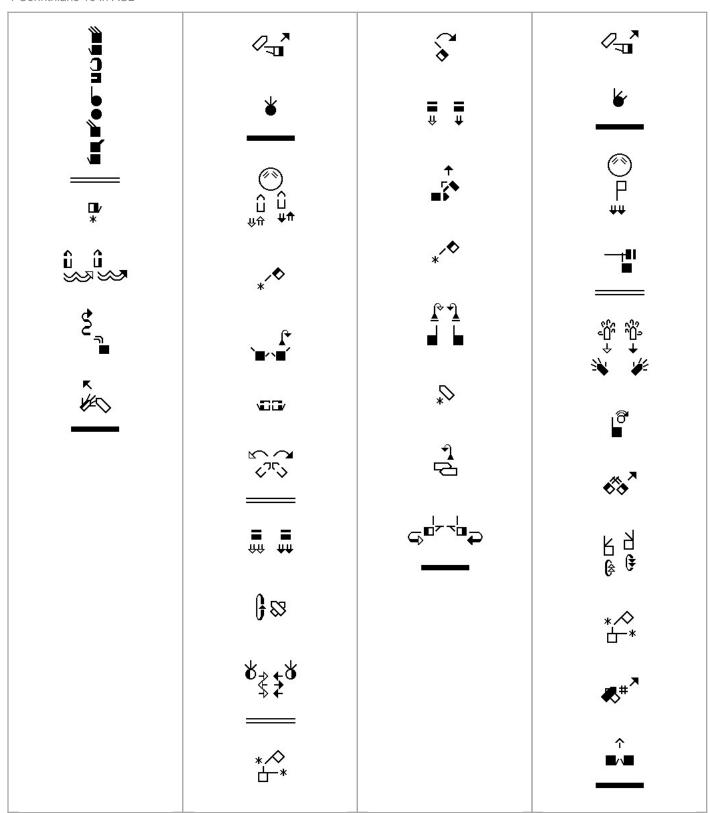


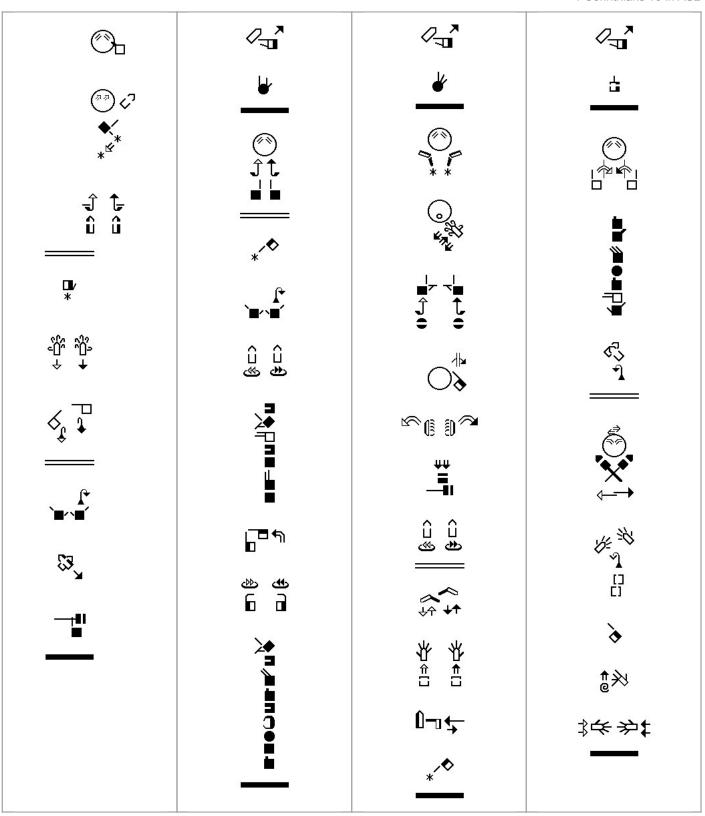
Chapter 16. Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God's people in Jerusalem. You should follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia. Verse 2. On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.



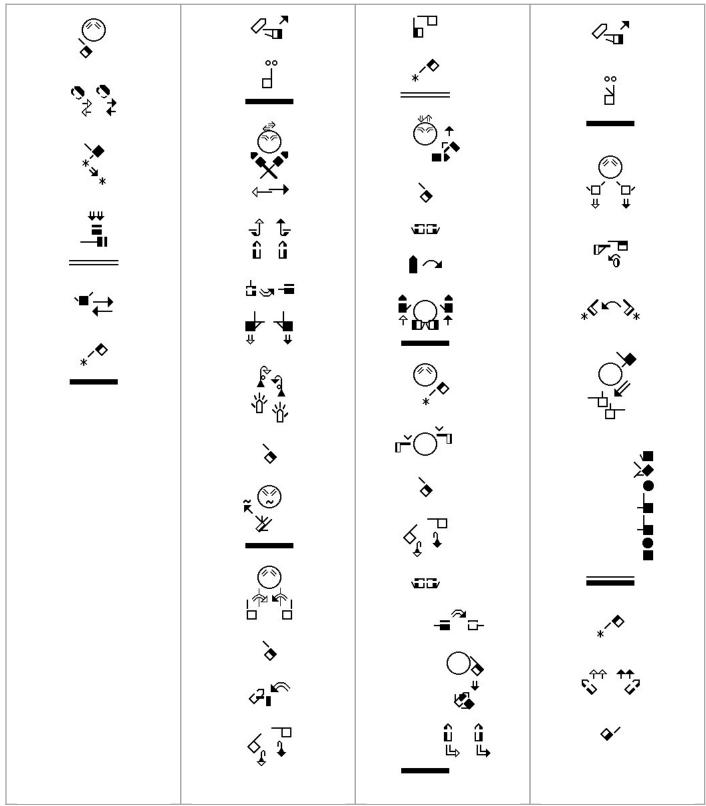
Verse 3. When I come, I will write letters of recommendation for the messengers you choose to deliver your gift to Jerusalem. Verse 4. And if it seems appropriate for me to go along, they can travel with me. Verse 5. I am coming to visit you after I have been to Macedonia,



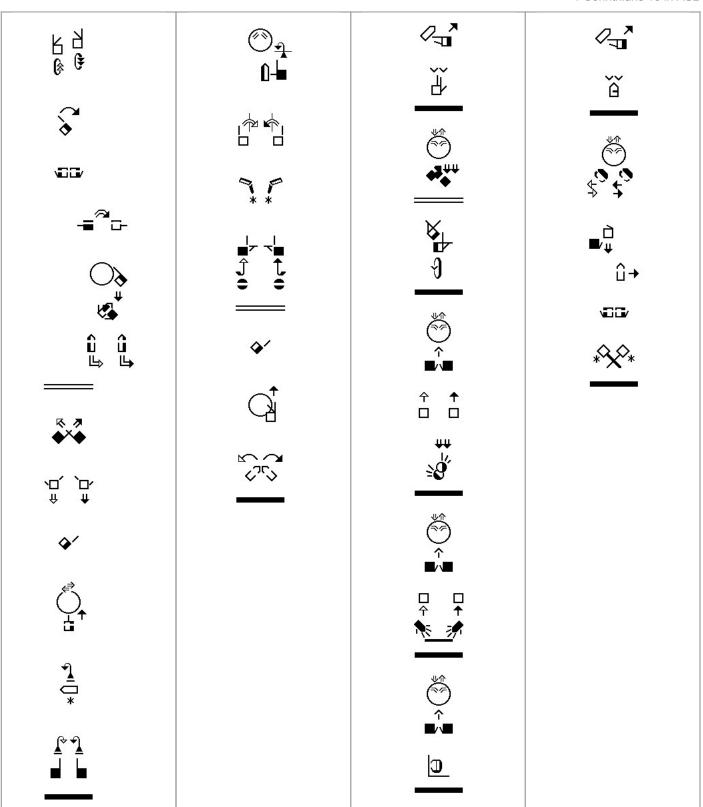
for I am planning to travel through Macedonia. Verse 6. Perhaps I will stay awhile with you, possibly all winter, and then you can send me on my way to my next destination. Verse 7. This time I don't want to make just a short visit and then go right on.



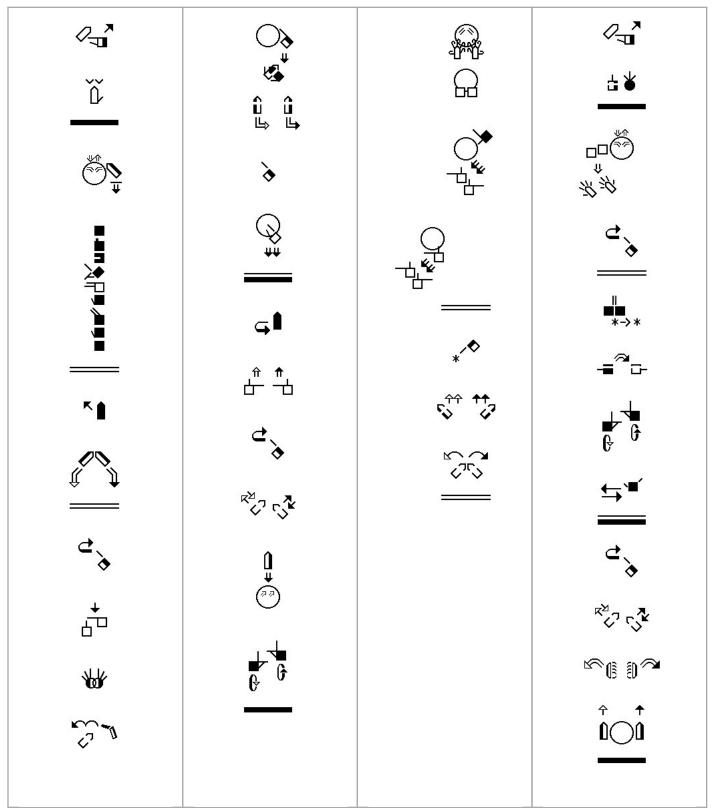
I want to come and stay awhile, if the Lord will let me. Verse 8. In the meantime, I will be staying here at Ephesus until the Festival of Pentecost. Verse 9. There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me. Verse 10. When Timothy comes, don't intimidate him.



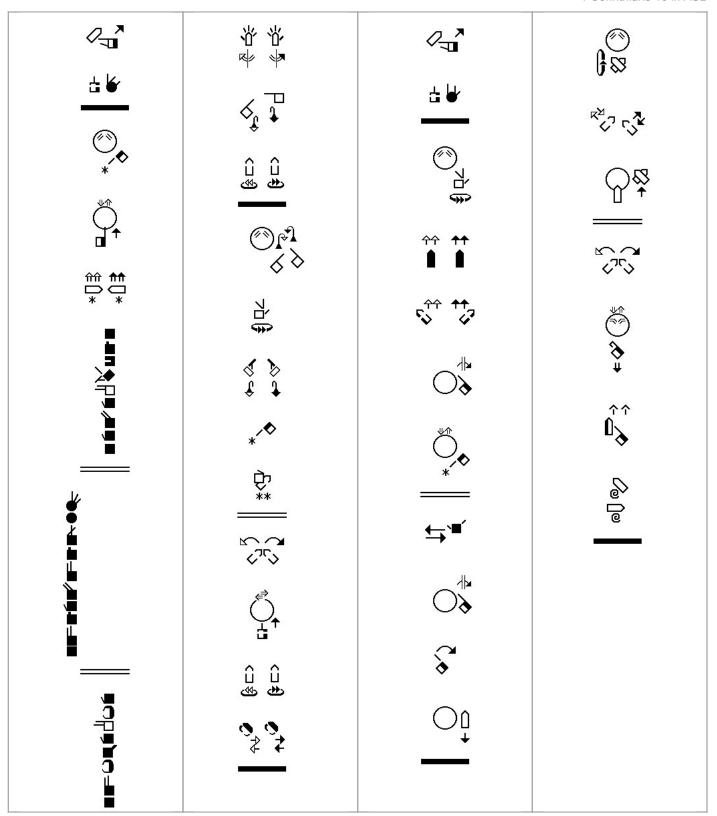
He is doing the Lord's work, just as I am. Verse 11. Don't let anyone treat him with contempt. Send him on his way with your blessing when he returns to me. I expect him to come with the other believers. Verse 12. Now about our brother Apollos -- I urged him NLT



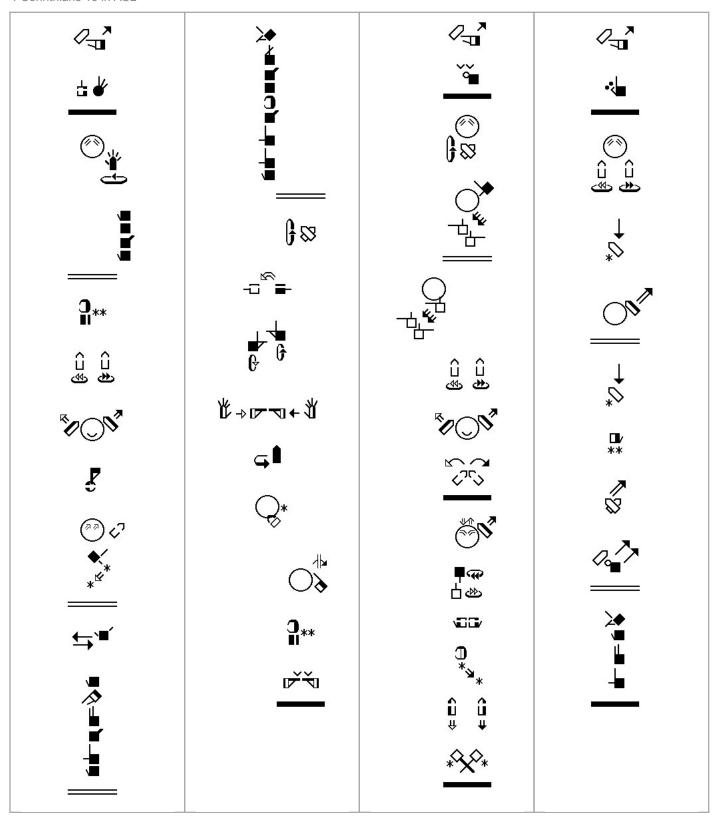
to visit you with the other believers, but he was not willing to go right now. He will see you later when he has the opportunity. Verse 13. Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. Verse 14. And do everything with love.



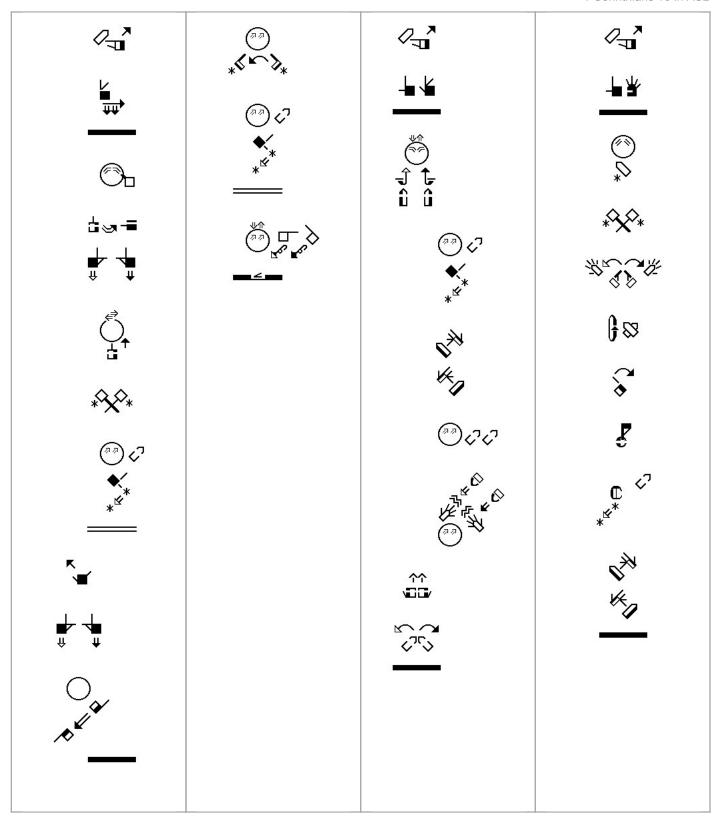
Verse 15. You know that Stephanas and his household were the first of the harvest of believers in Greece, and they are spending their lives in service to God's people. I urge you, dear brothers and sisters, Verse 16. to submit to them and others like them who serve with such devotion.



Verse 17. I am very glad that Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus have come here. They have been providing the help you weren't here to give me. Verse 18. They have been a wonderful encouragement to me, as they have been to you. You must show your appreciation to all who serve so well.



Verse 19. The churches here in the province of Asia send greetings in the Lord, as do Aquila and Priscilla and all the others who gather in their home for church meetings. Verse 20. All the brothers and sisters here send greetings to you. Greet each other with Christian love. Verse 21. HERE IS MY GREETING IN MY OWN HANDWRITING -- PAUL.



Verse 22. If anyone does not love the Lord, that person is cursed. Our Lord, come! Verse 23. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. Verse 24. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus.