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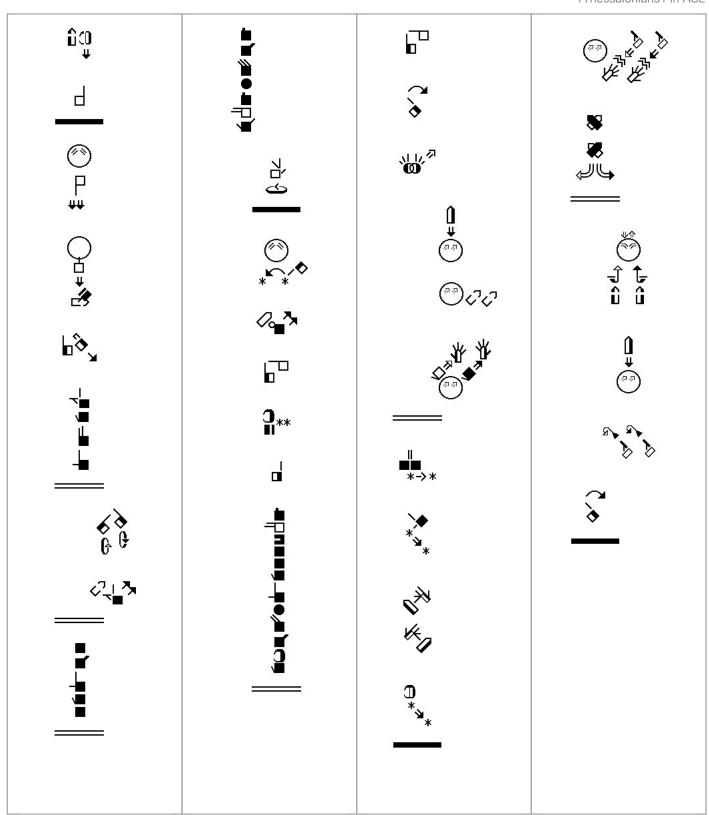
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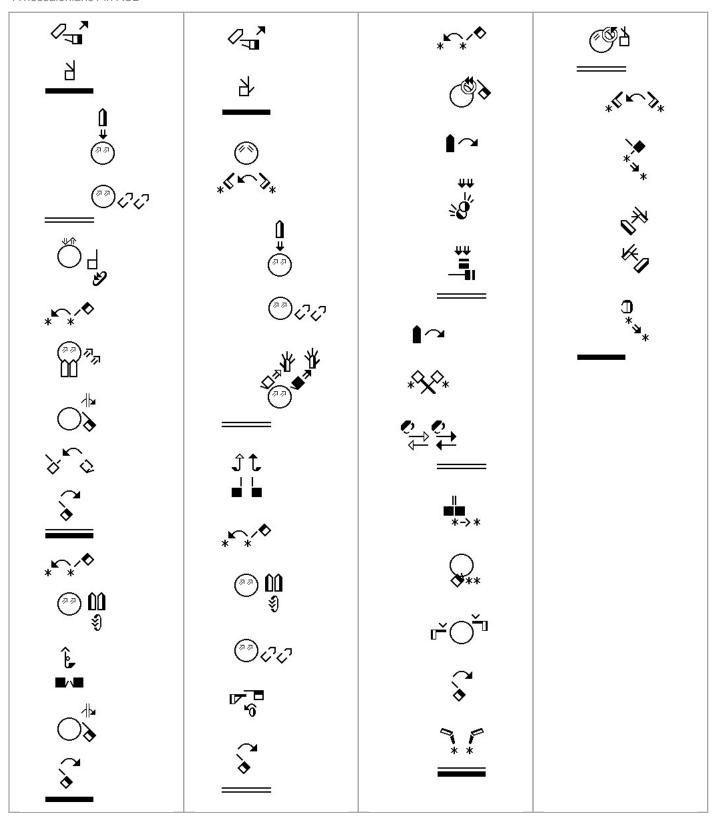
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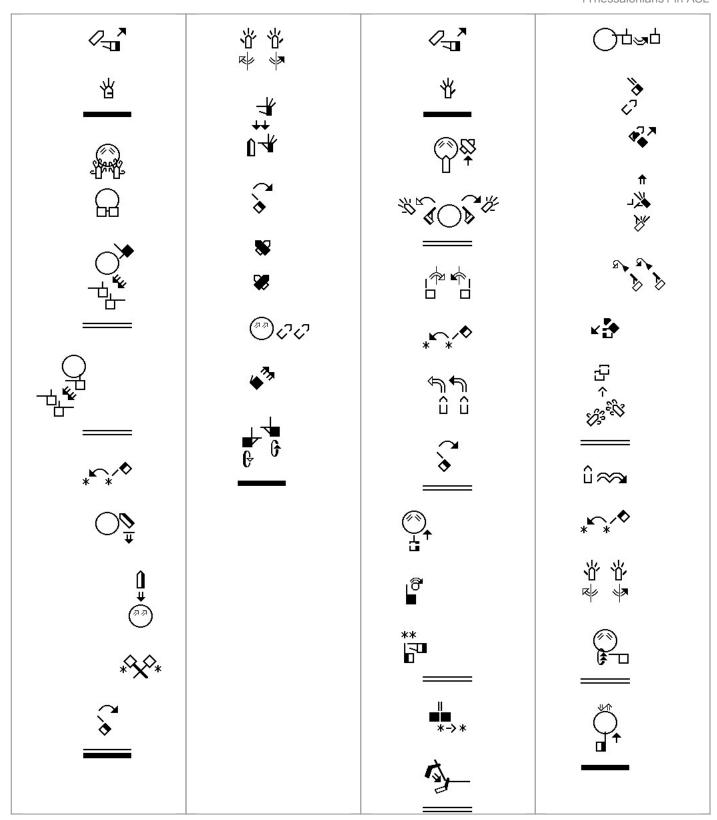


Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, Silas, and Timothy. We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May God give you grace and peace.

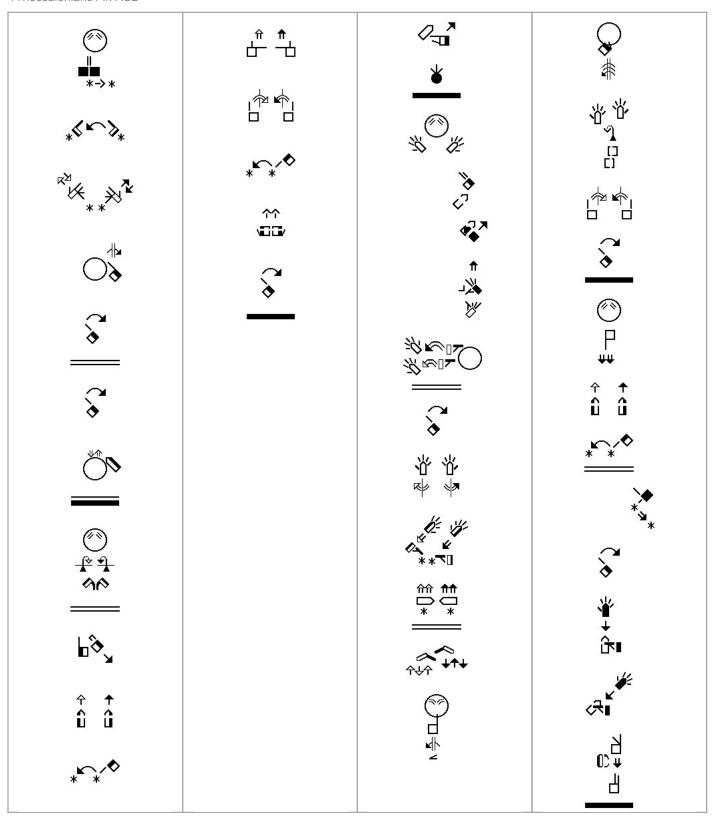
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Verse 2. We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. Verse 3. As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

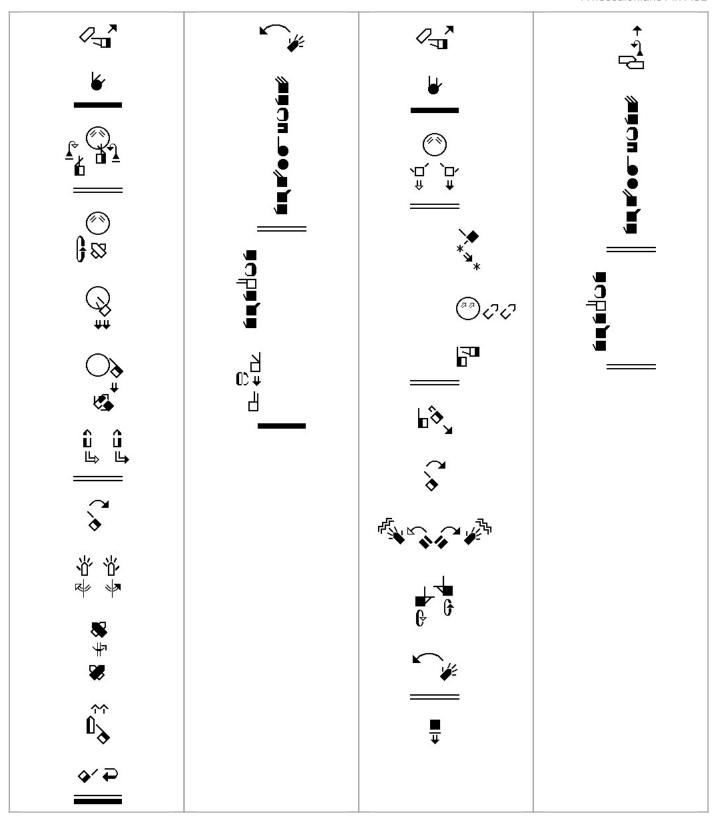


Verse 4. We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people. Verse 5. For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true.

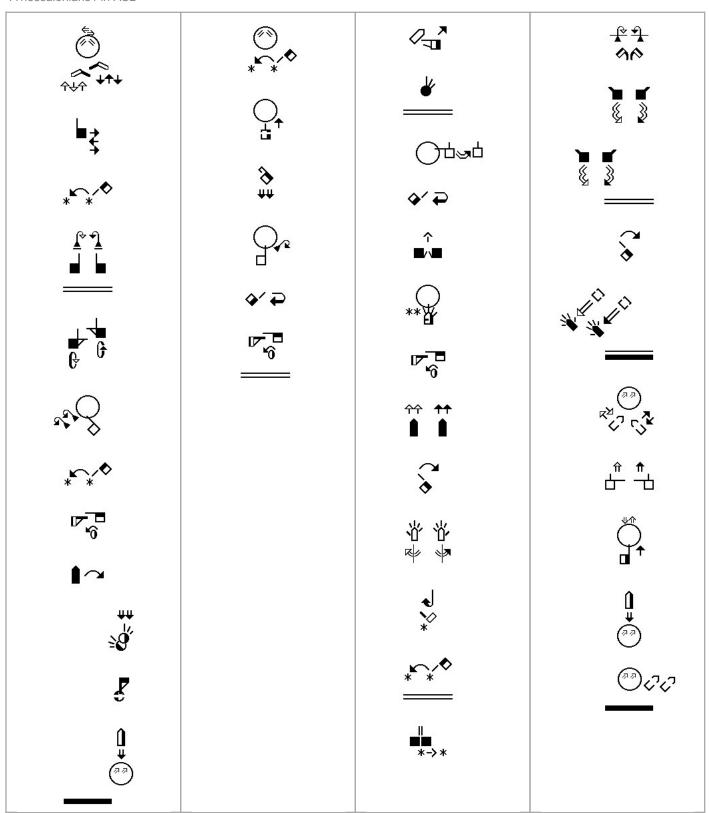


And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you. Verse 6. So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord.

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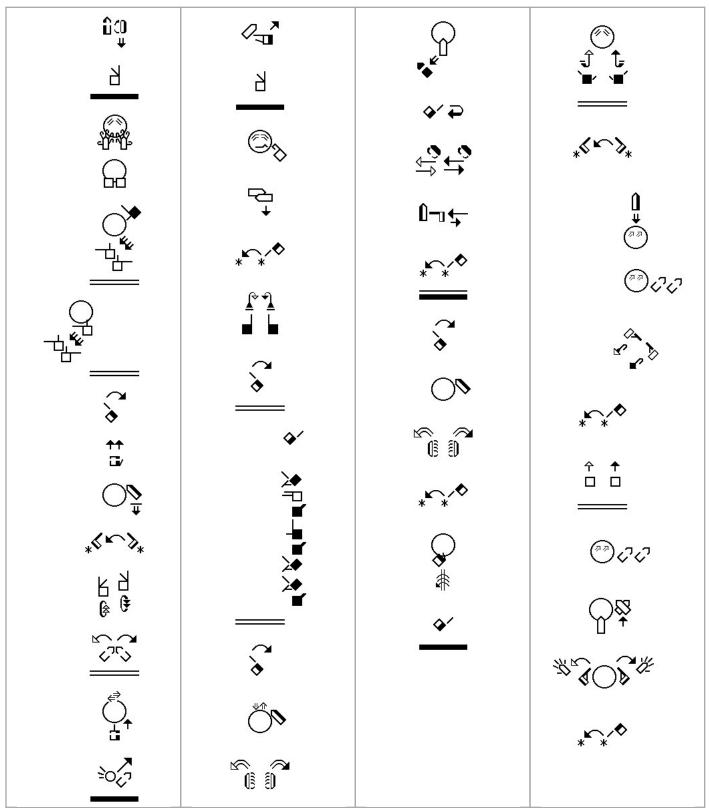
Verse 7. As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece -throughout both Macedonia and Achaia. Verse 8a. And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, NLT



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.

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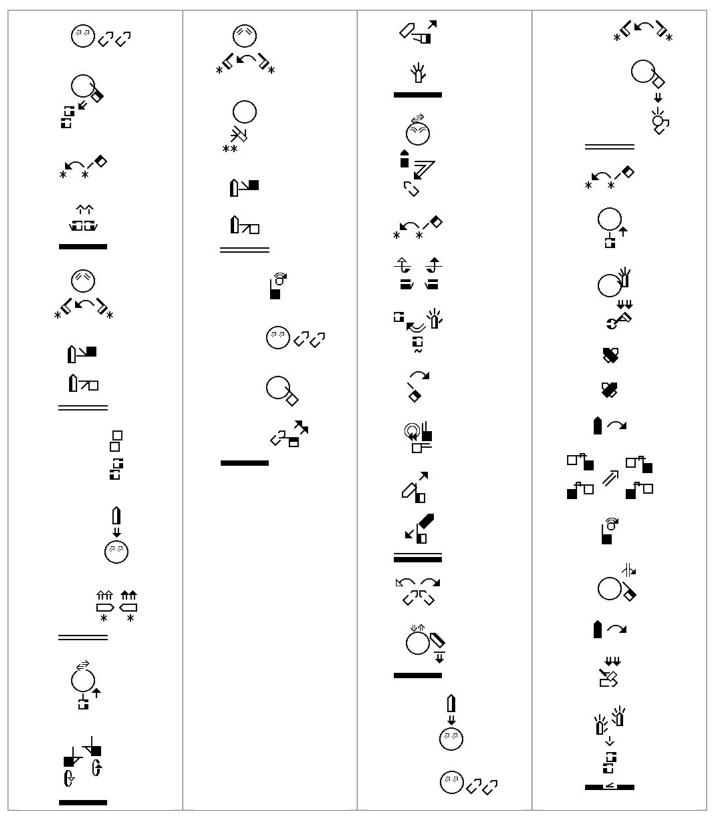
Verse 10. And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven -- Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.



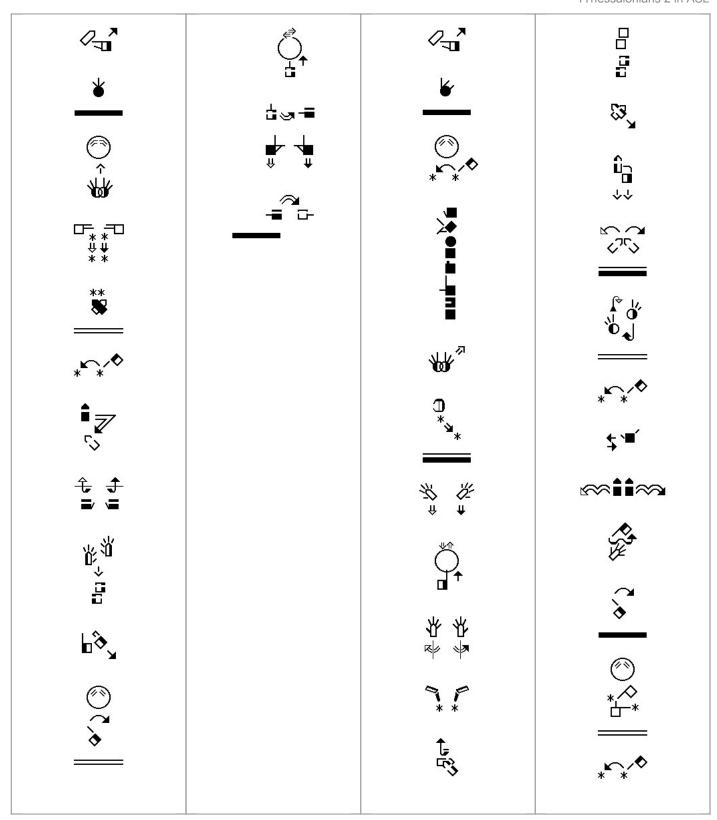
Chapter 2. You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. Verse 2. You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News

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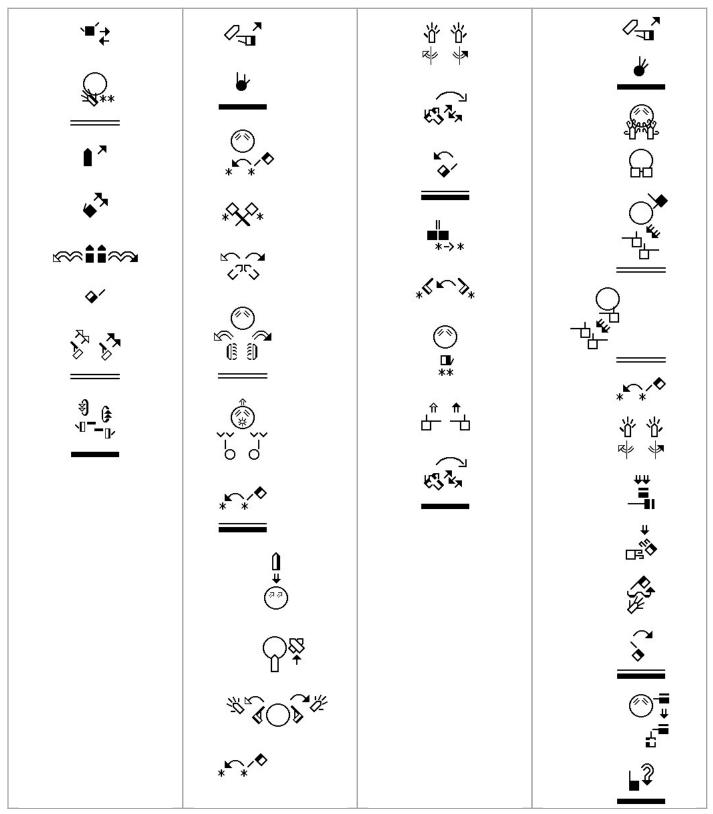
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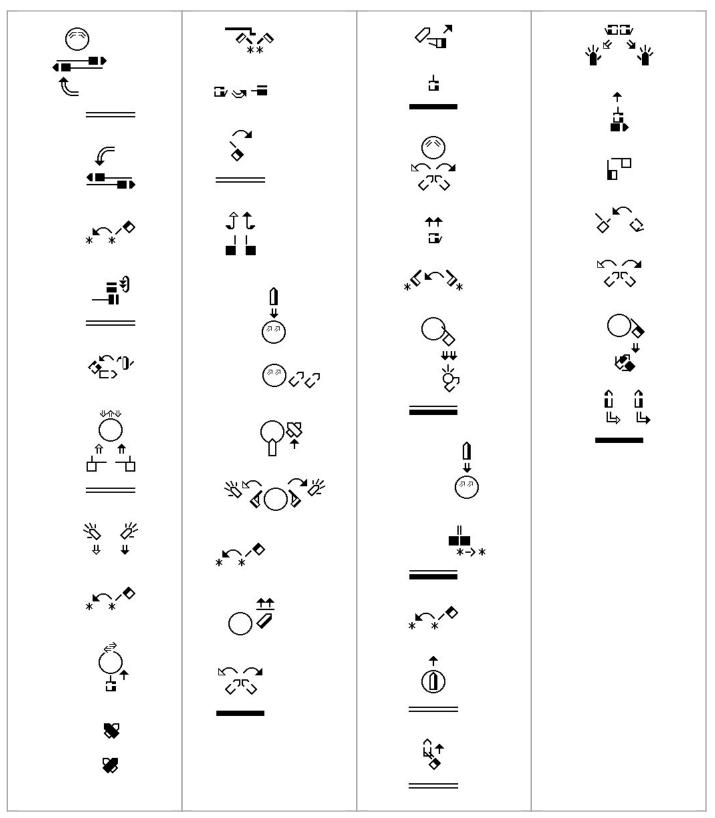
to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. Verse 5. Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money!



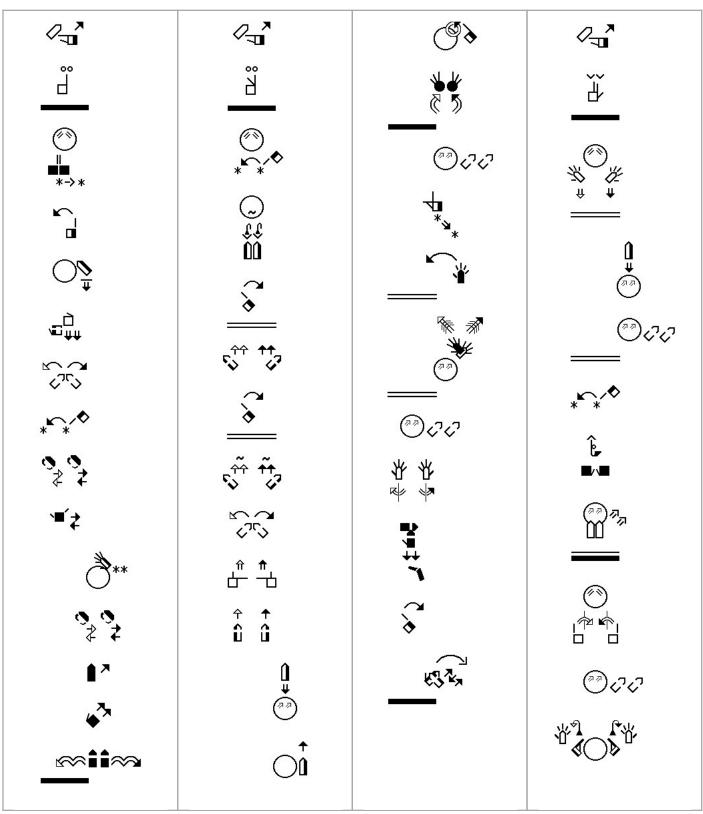
Verse 6. As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else. Verse 7. As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we



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? NLT



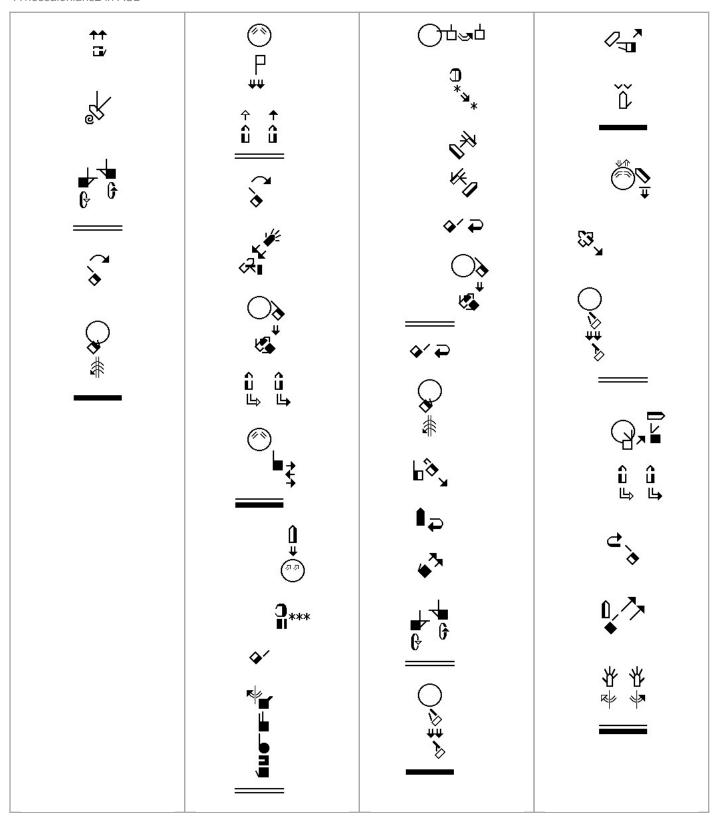
Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God's Good News to you. Verse 10. You yourselves are our witnesses -- and so is God -- that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers.



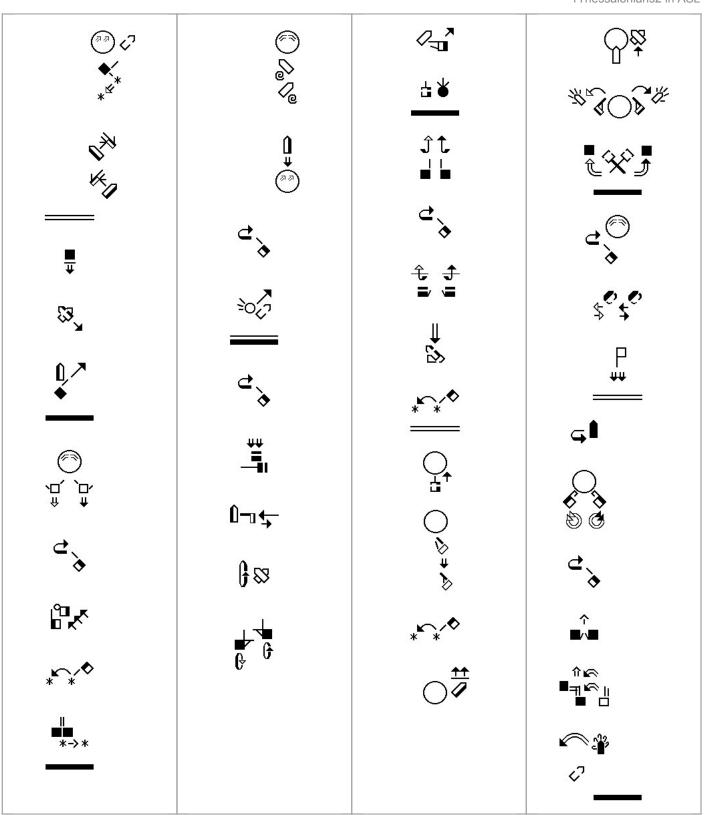
Verse 11. And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. Verse 12. We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory. Verse 13. Therefore, we never stop thanking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

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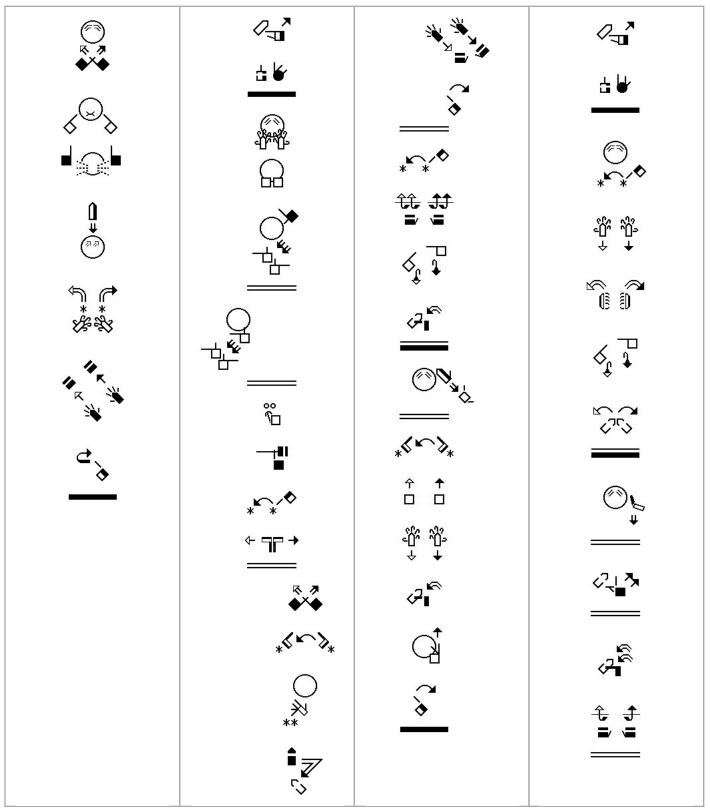
you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God -- which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe. Verse 14. And then, dear brothers and sisters, you suffered persecution from your



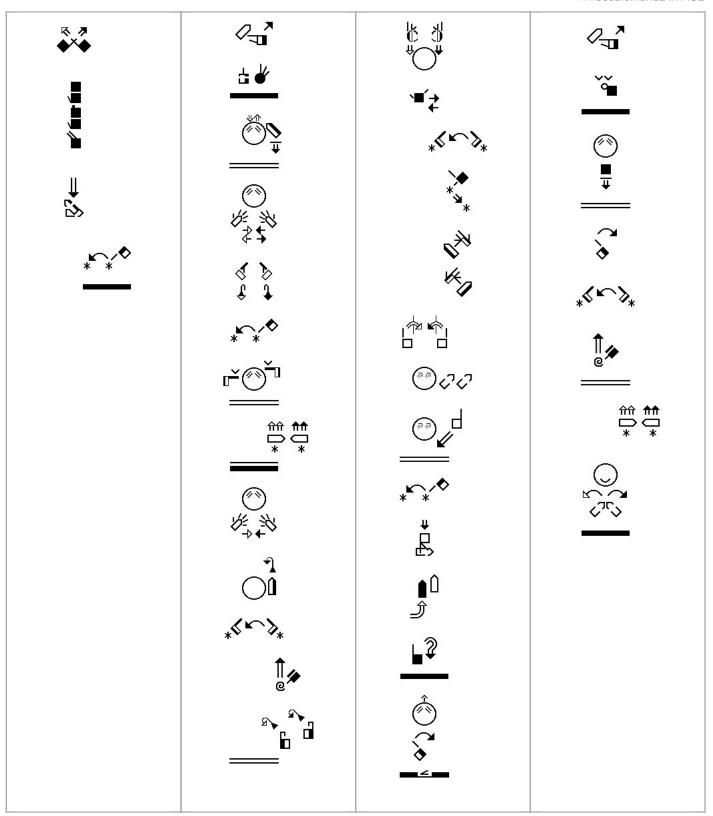
own countrymen. In this way, you imitated the believers in God's churches in Judea who, because of their belief in Christ Jesus, suffered from their own people, the Jews. Verse 15. For some of the Jews killed the prophets,



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.

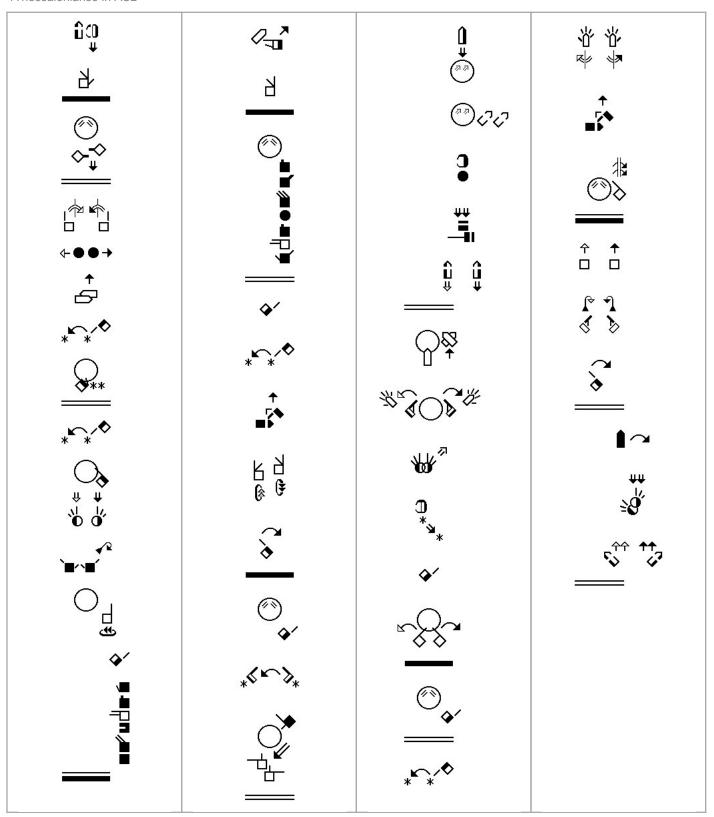


But the anger of God has caught up with them at last. Verse 17. Dear brothers and sisters, after we were separated from you for a little while (though our hearts never left you), we tried very hard to come back because of our intense longing to see you again. Verse 18. We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, NLT

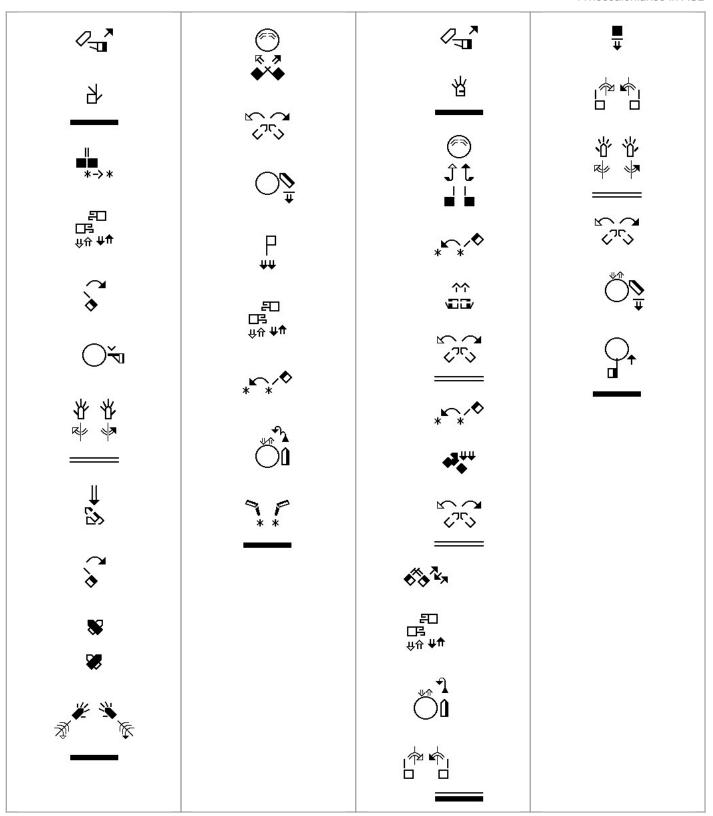


but Satan prevented us. Verse 19. After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you! Verse 20. Yes, you are our pride and joy.

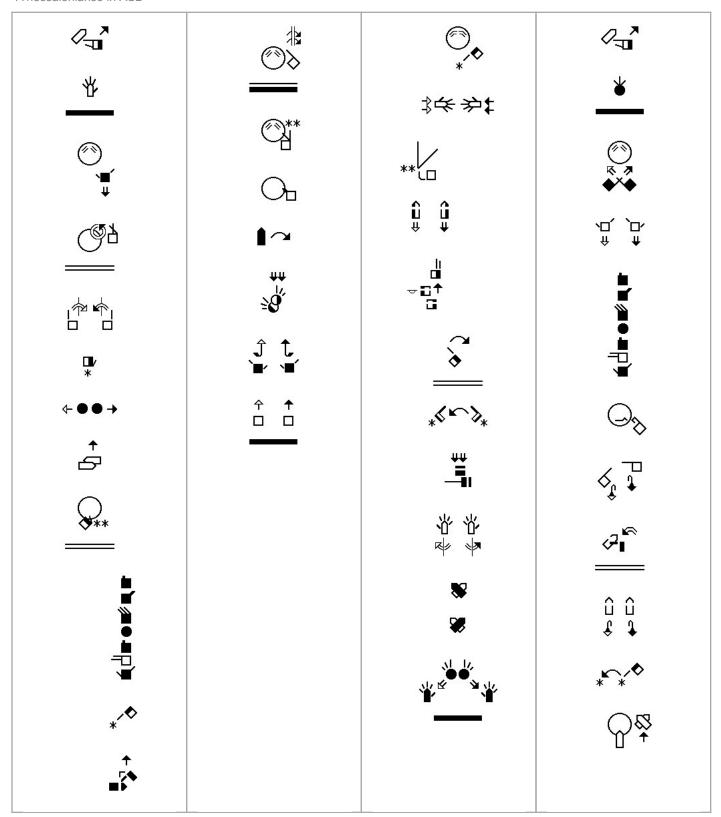
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Chapter 3. Finally, when we could stand it no longer, we decided to stay alone in Athens, Verse 2. and we sent Timothy to visit you. He is our brother and God's co-worker in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. We sent him to strengthen you, to encourage you in your faith,

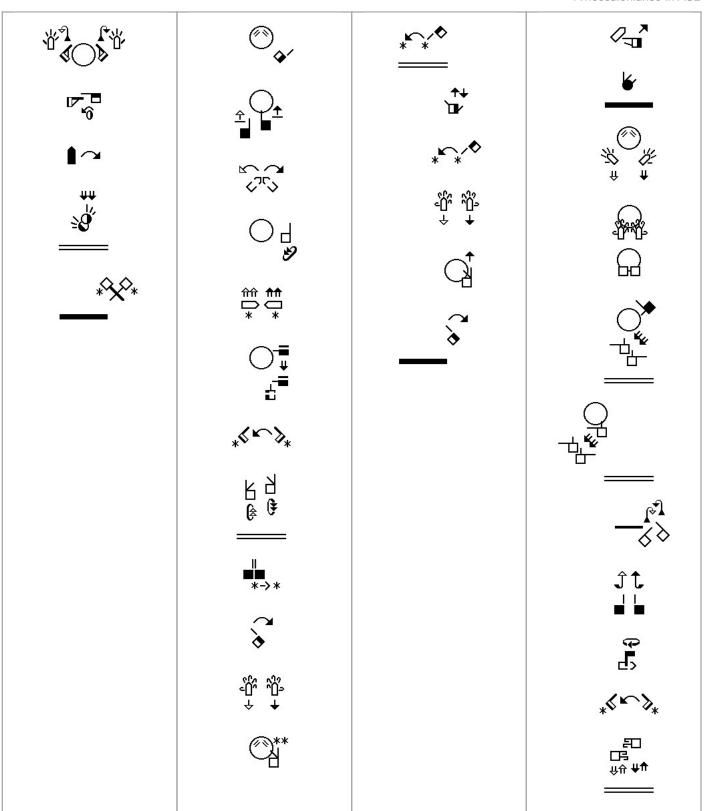


Verse 3. and to keep you from being shaken by the troubles you were going through. But you know that we are destined for such troubles. Verse 4. Even while were were with you, we warned you that troubles would soon come -- and they did, as you well know. NLT

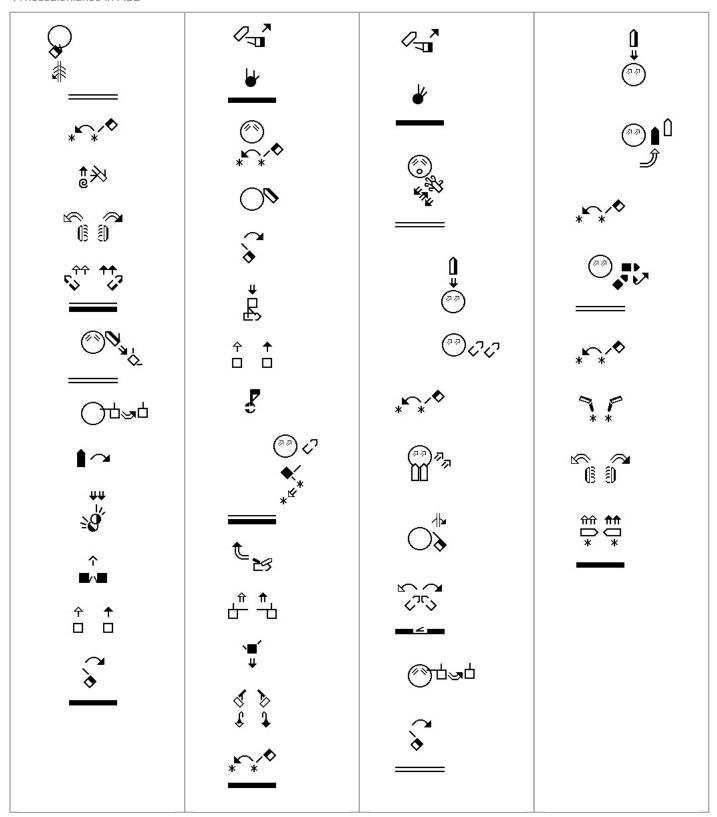


Verse 5. That is why, when I could bear it no longer, I sent Timothy to find out whether your faith was still strong. I was afraid that the tempter had gotten the best of you and that our work had been useless. Verse 6. But now Timothy has just returned, bringing us good

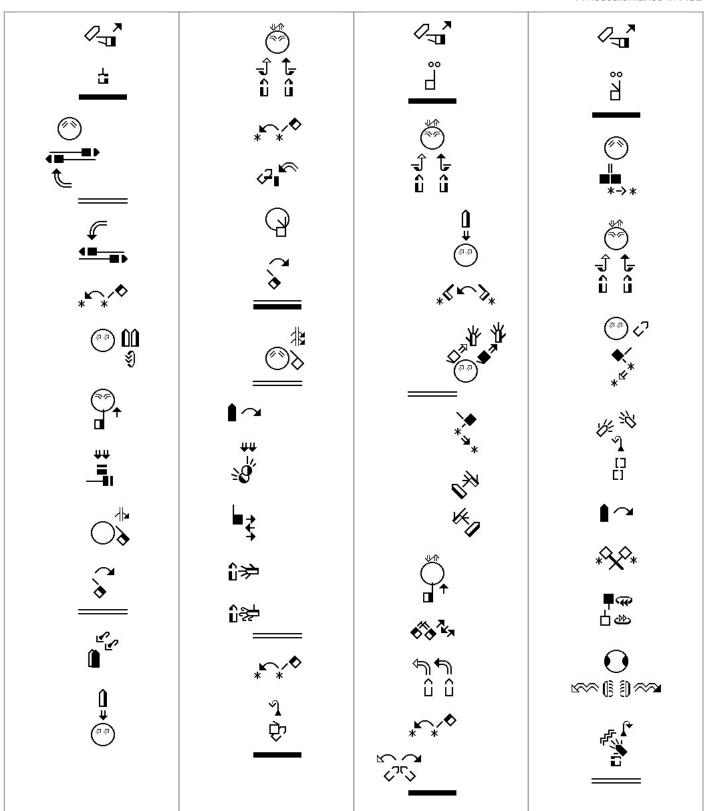
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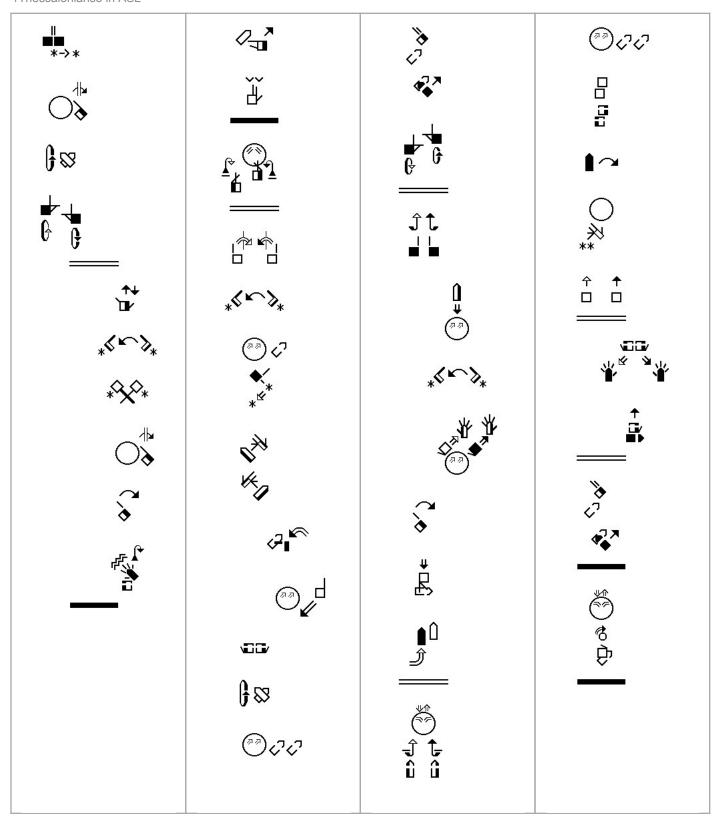
news about your faith and love. He reports that you always remember our visit with joy and that you want to see us as much as we want to see you. Verse 7. So we have been greatly encouraged in the midst of our troubles



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

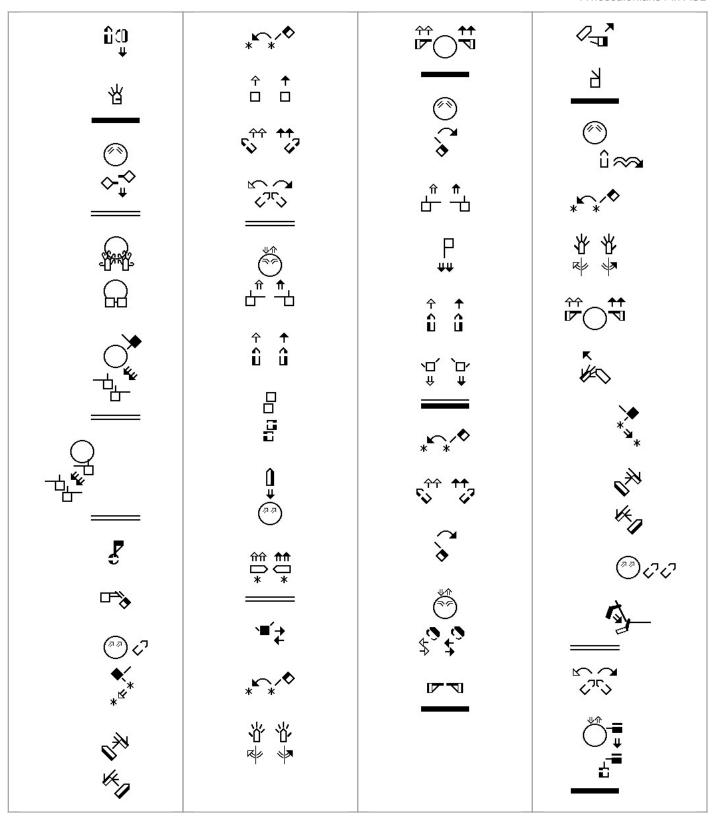


Verse 10. Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith. Verse 11. May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon. Verse 12. And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow,

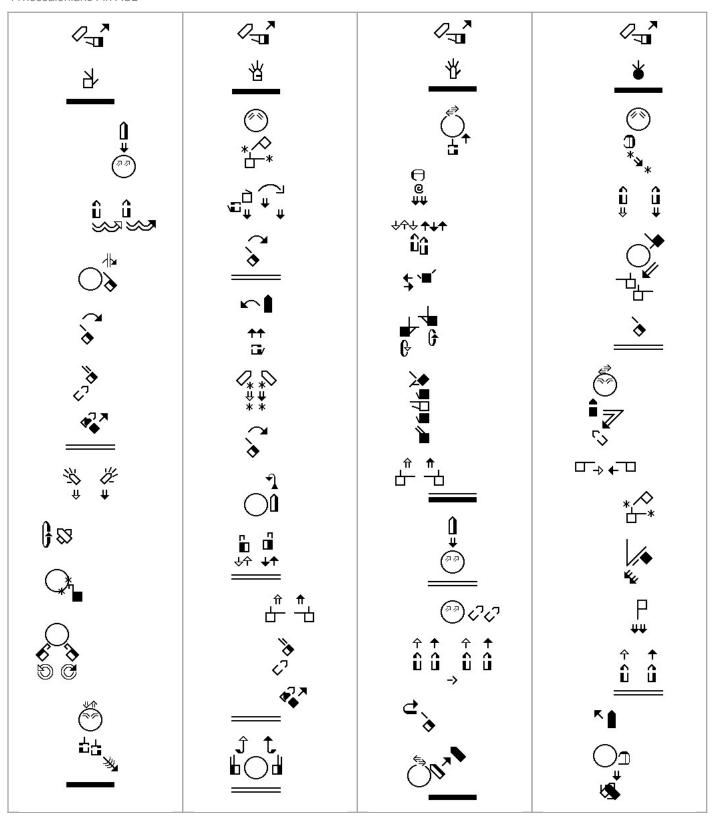


just as our love for you overflows. Verse 13. May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.

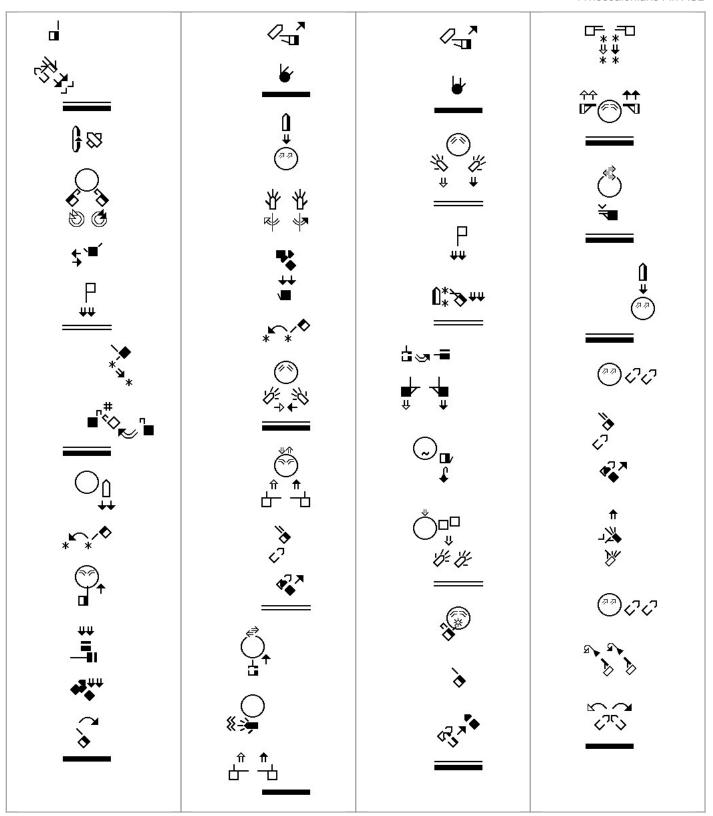
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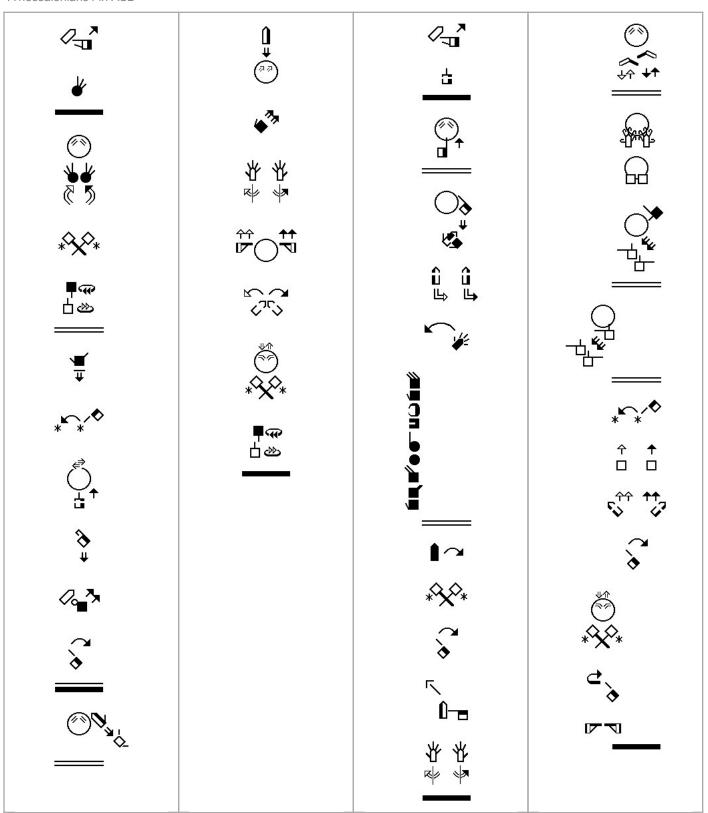
Chapter 4. Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. Verse 2. For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.



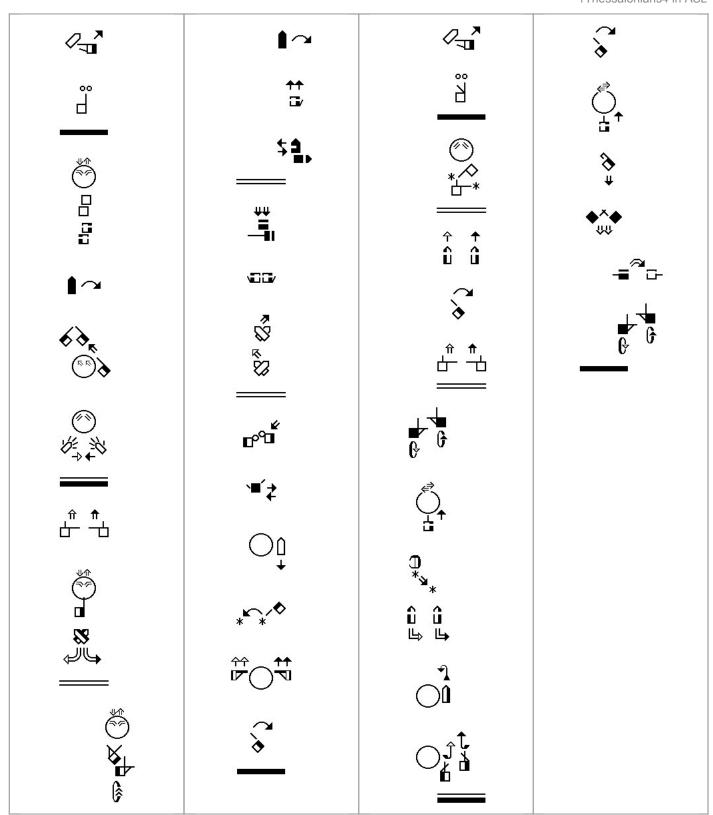
Verse 3. God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Verse 4. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor -- Verse 5. not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. Verse 6. Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this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



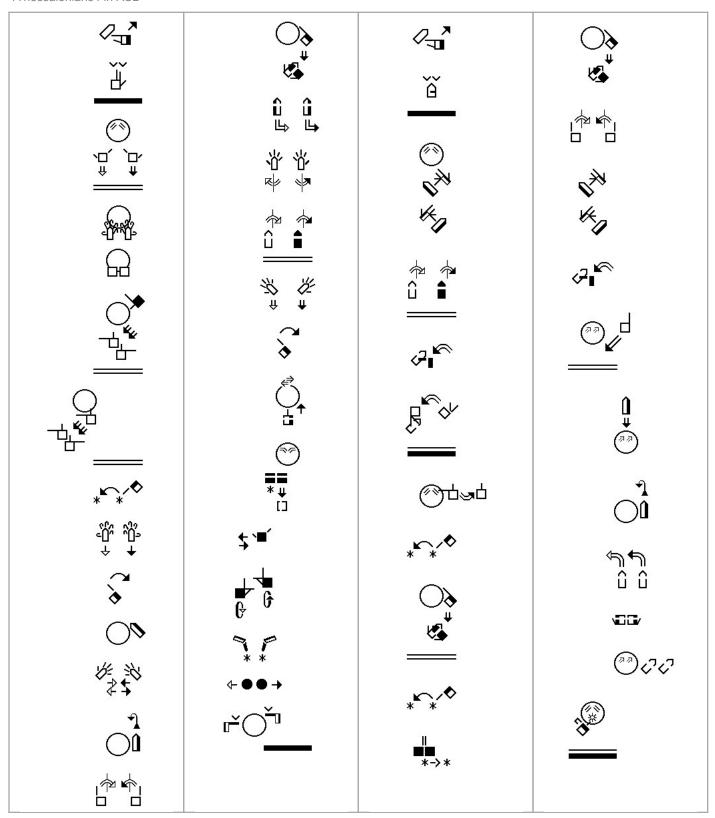
for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. Verse 7. God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Verse 8. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.



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.

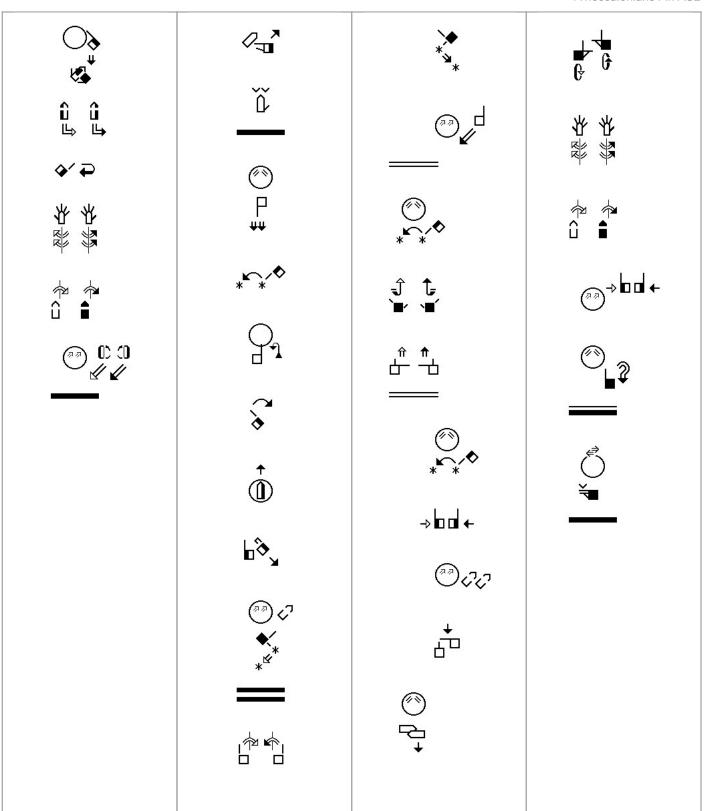


Verse 11. Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. Verse 12. Then people who are not Christians will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others. NLT

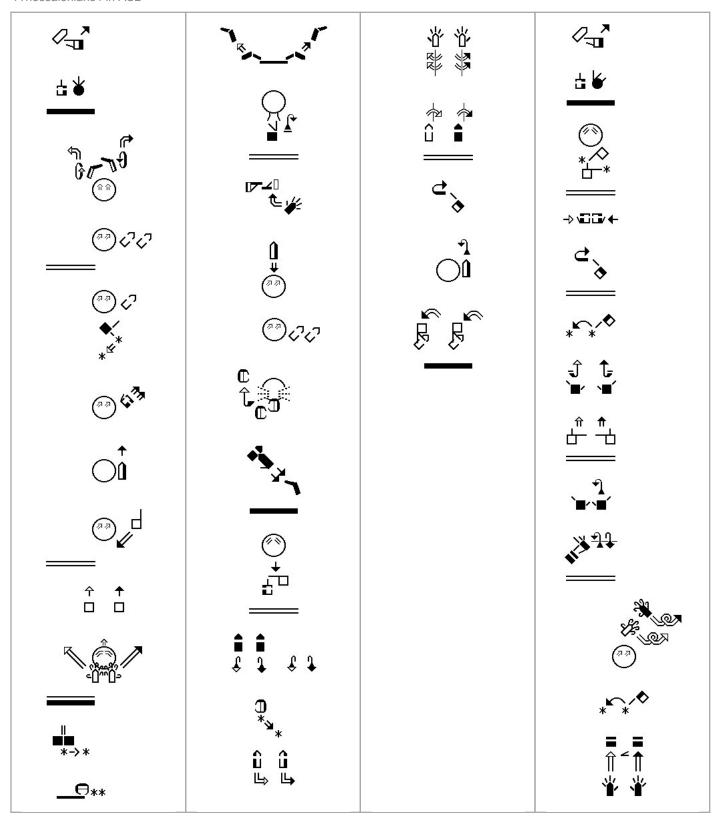


Verse 13. And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. Verse 14. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back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

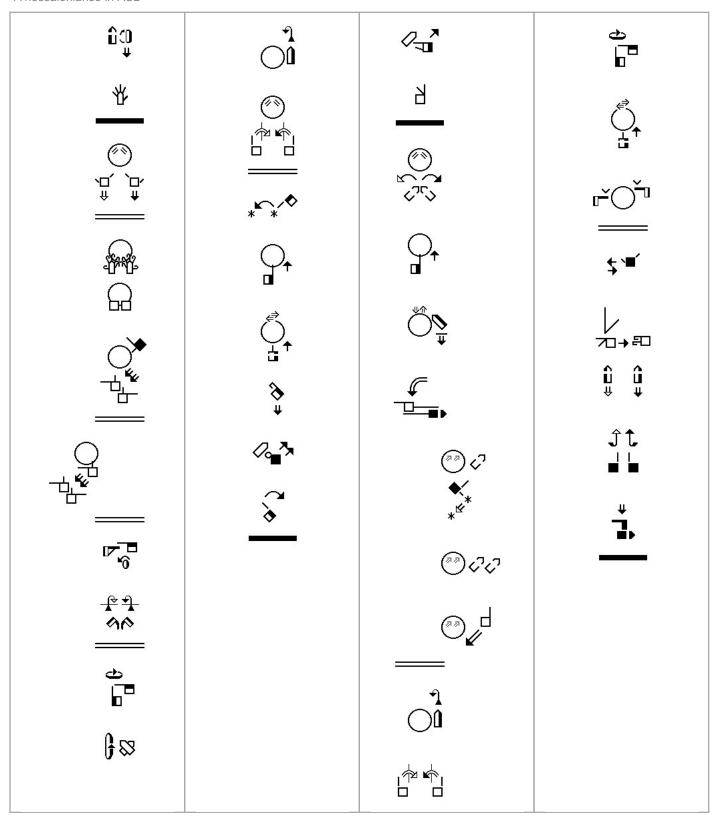
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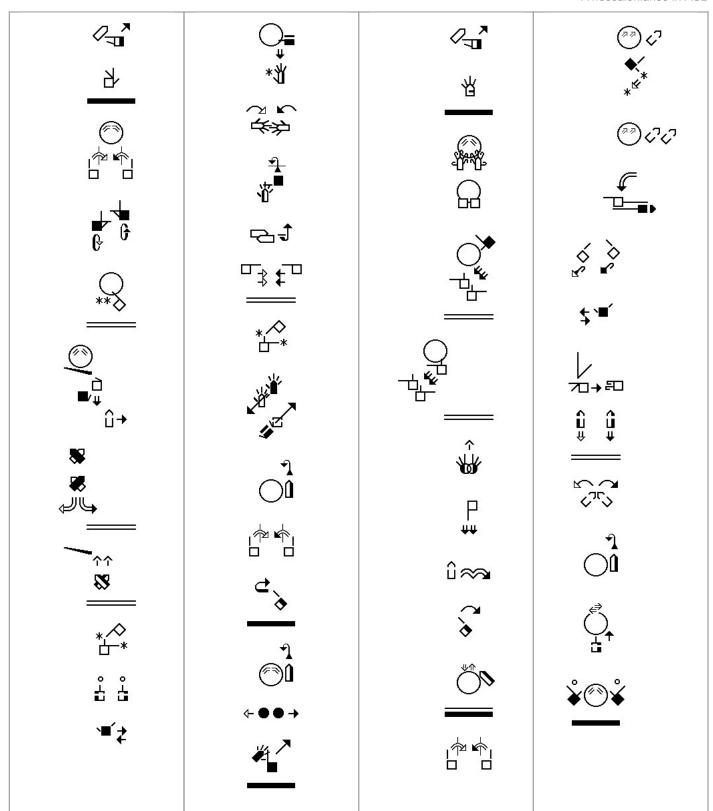
the believers who have died. Verse 15. We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. NLT



Verse 16. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. Verse 17. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds

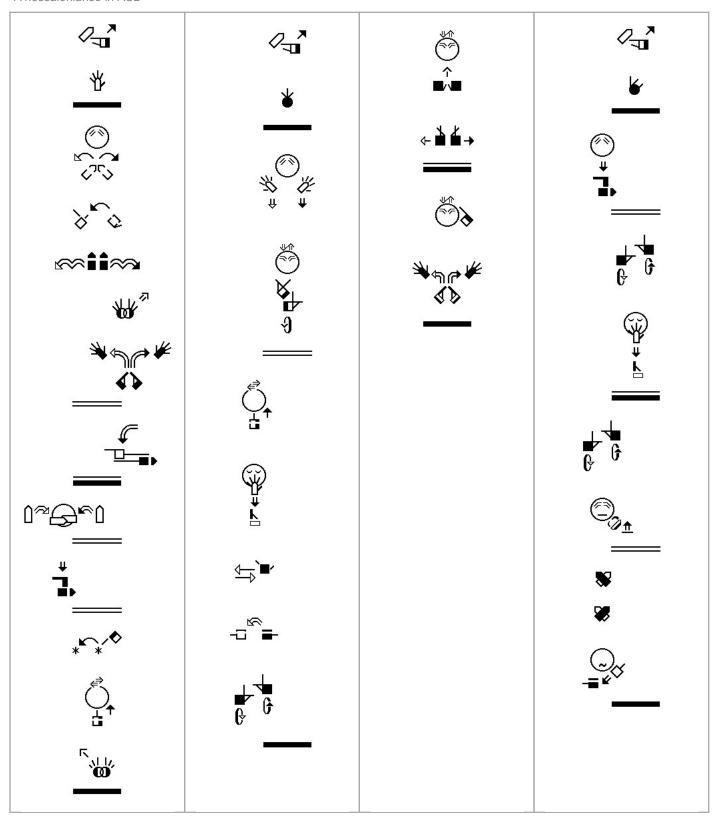


Chapter 5. Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. Verse 2. For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.

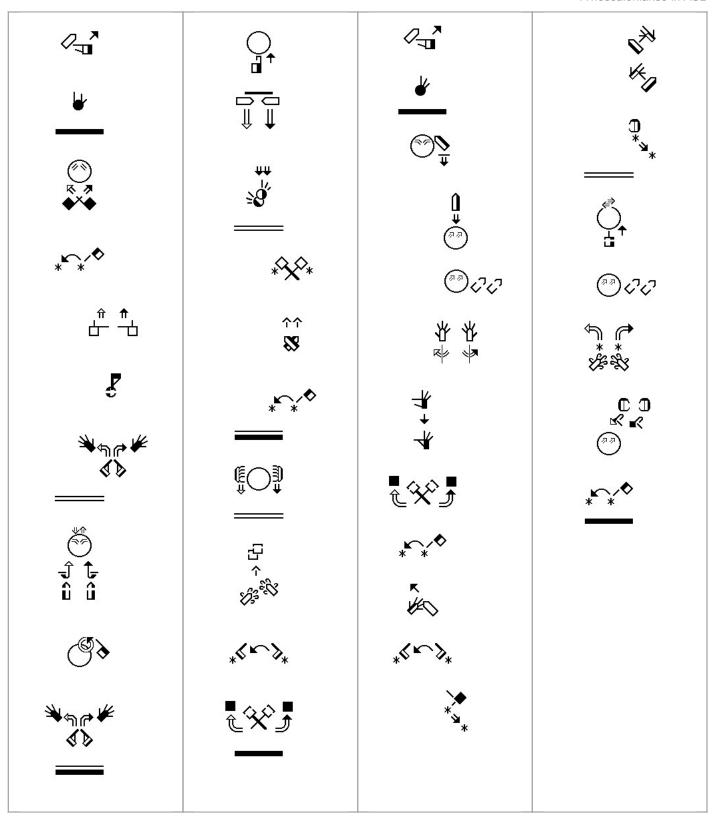


Verse 3. When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape. Verse 4. But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief.

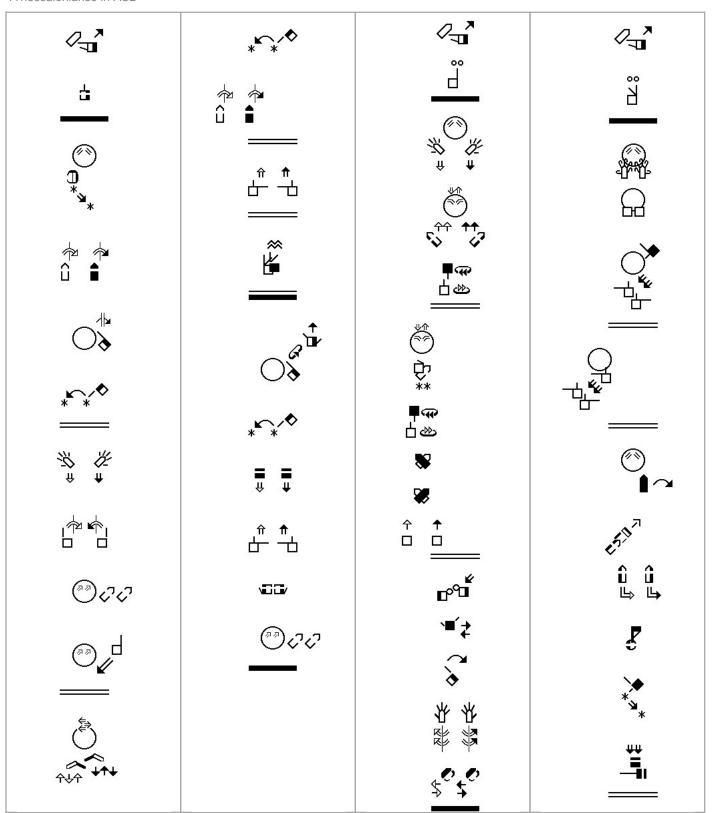
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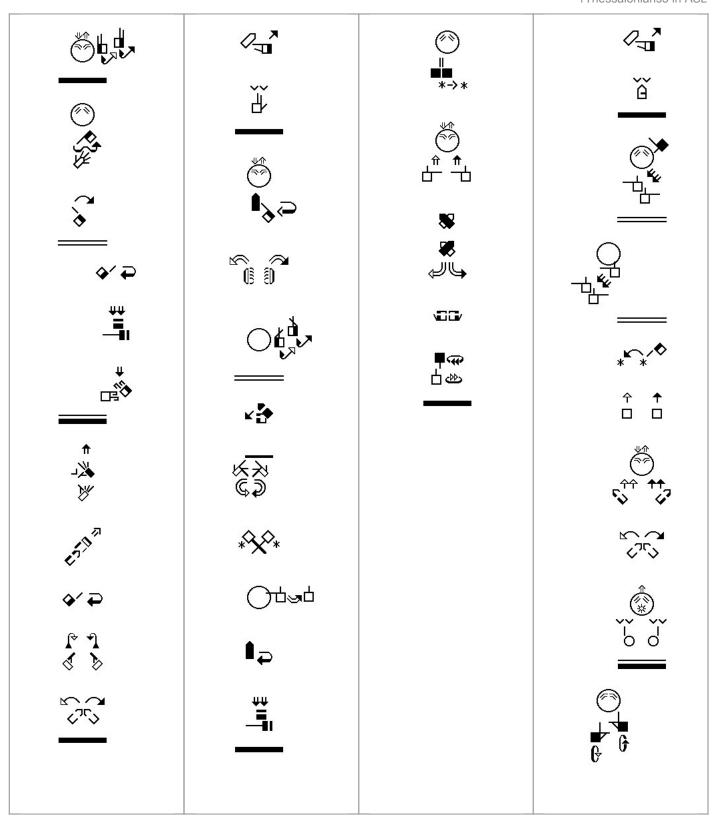
Verse 5. For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night. Verse 6. So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. Verse 7. Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. NLT



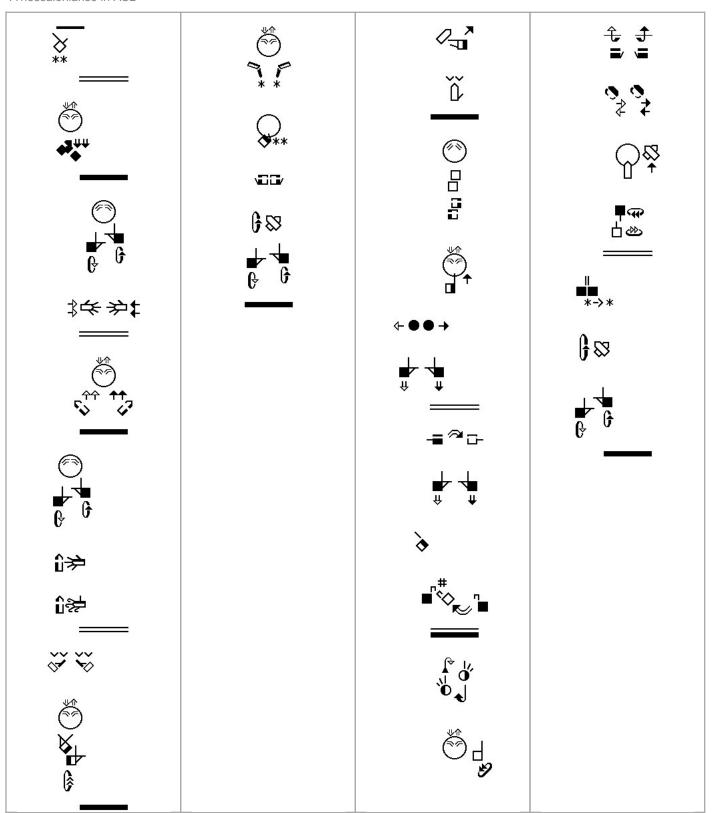
Verse 8. But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation. Verse 9. For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. NLT



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.

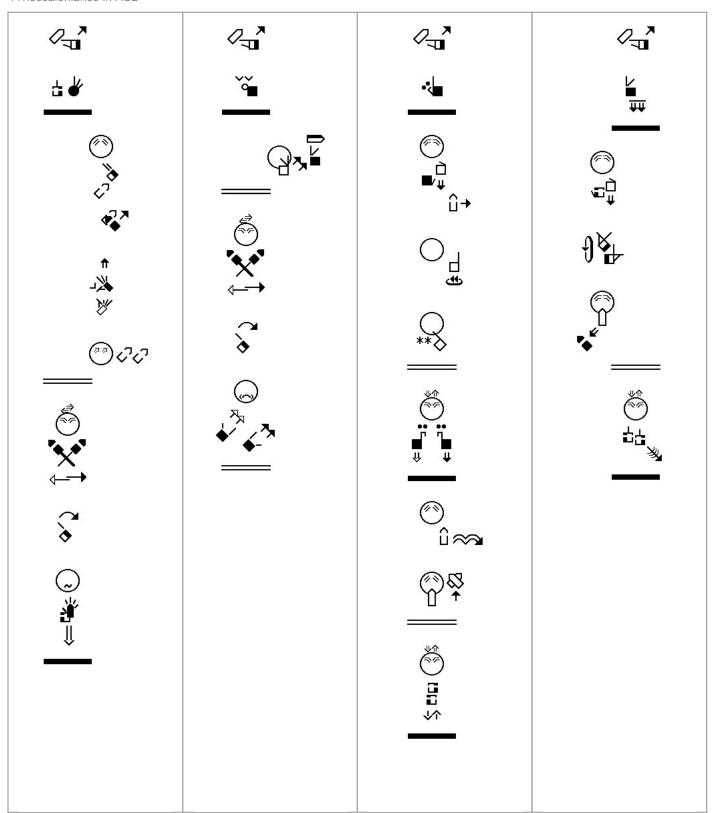


They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Verse 13. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other. Verse 14. Brothers and sisters, we urge you NLT



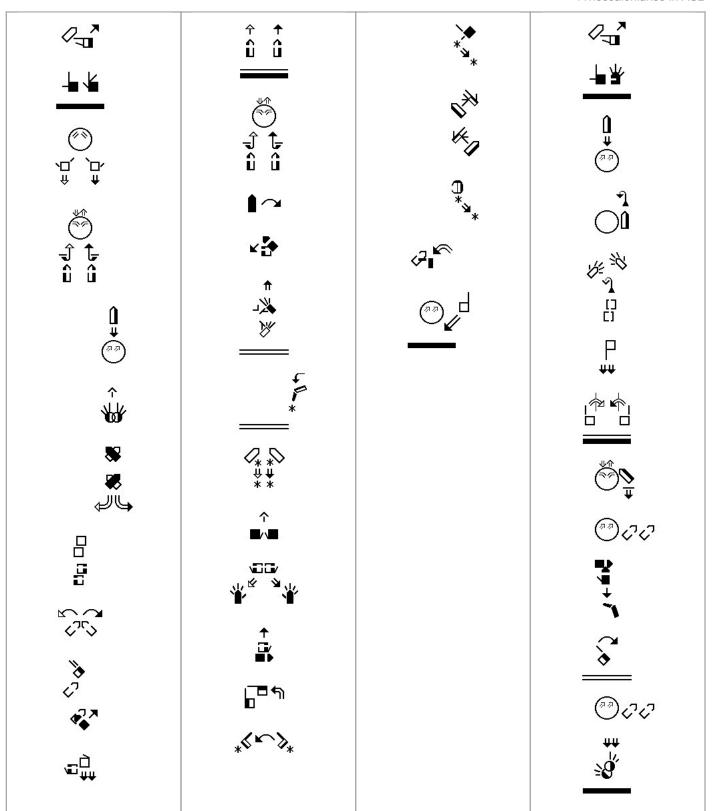
to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. Verse 15. See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

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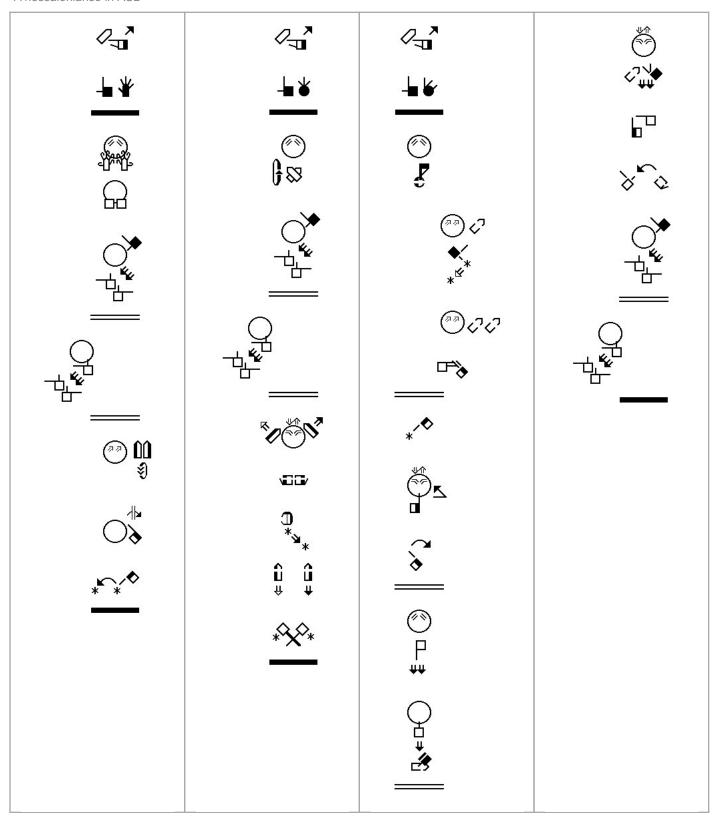


Verse 19. Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. Verse 20. Do not scoff at prophecies, Verse 21. but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. Verse 22. Stay away from every kind of evil.

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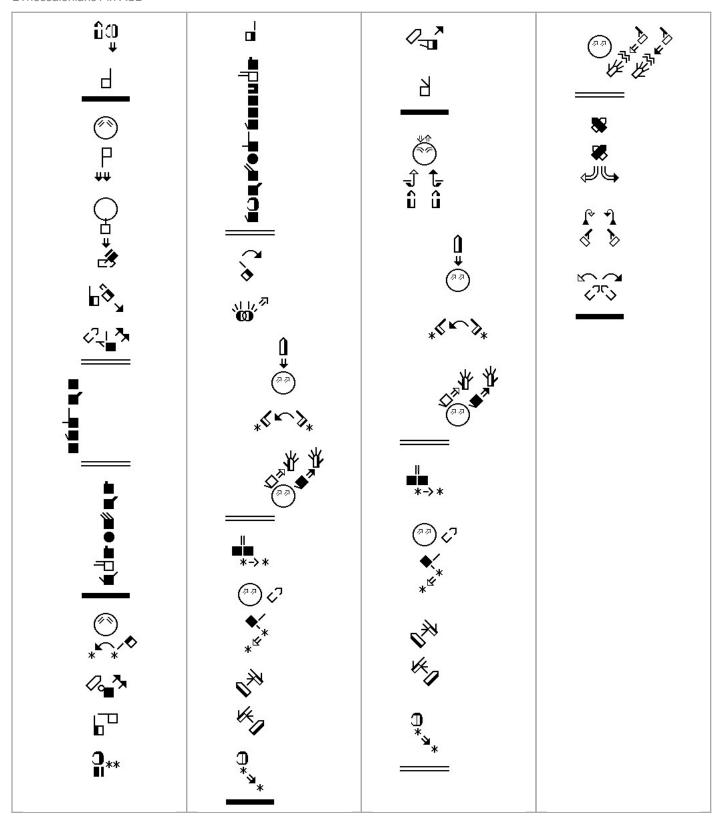


Verse 23. Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. Verse 24. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

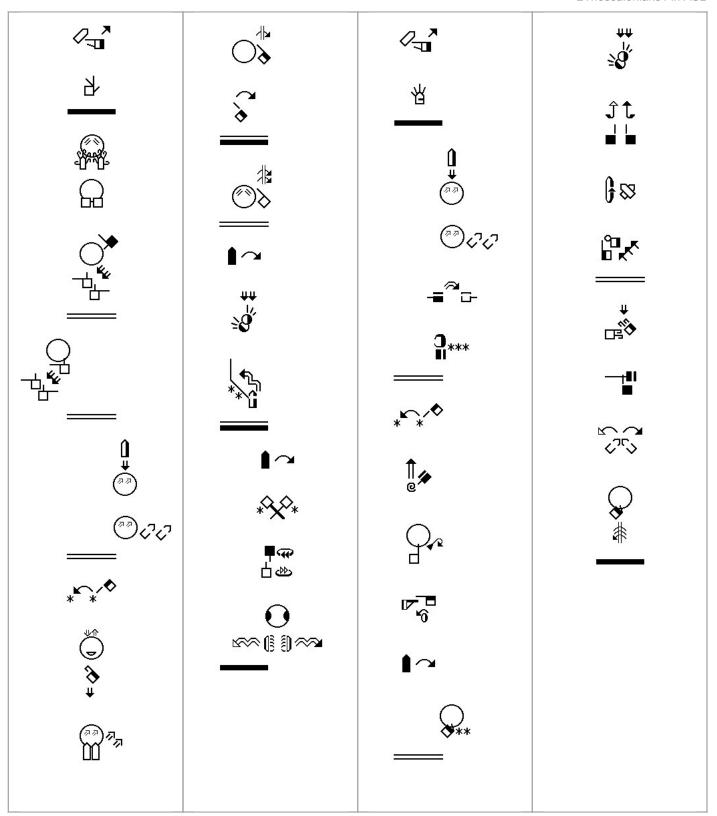


Verse 25. Dear brothers and sisters, pray for us. Verse 26. Greet all the brothers and sisters with Christian love. Verse 27. I command you in the name of the Lord to read this letter to all the brothers and sisters.

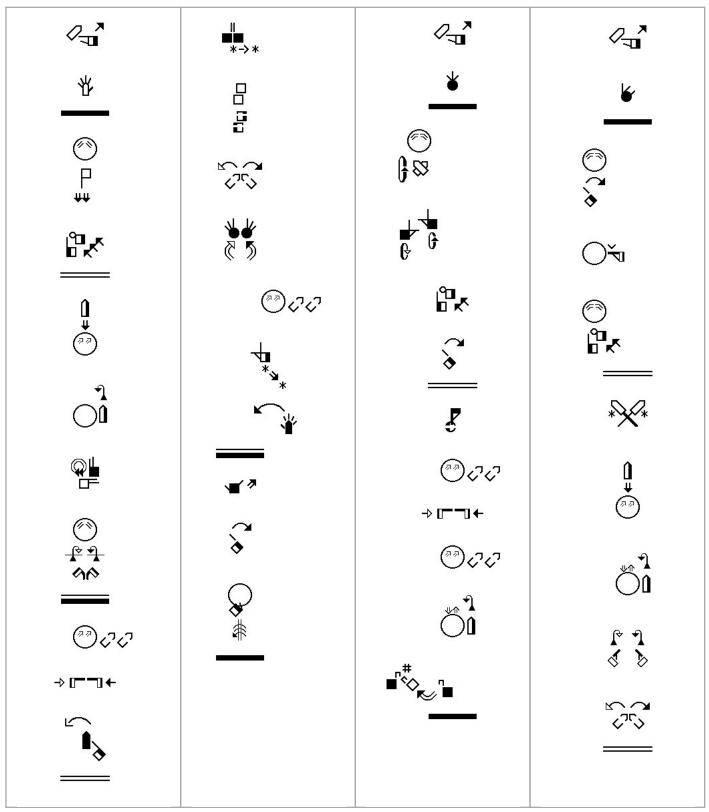
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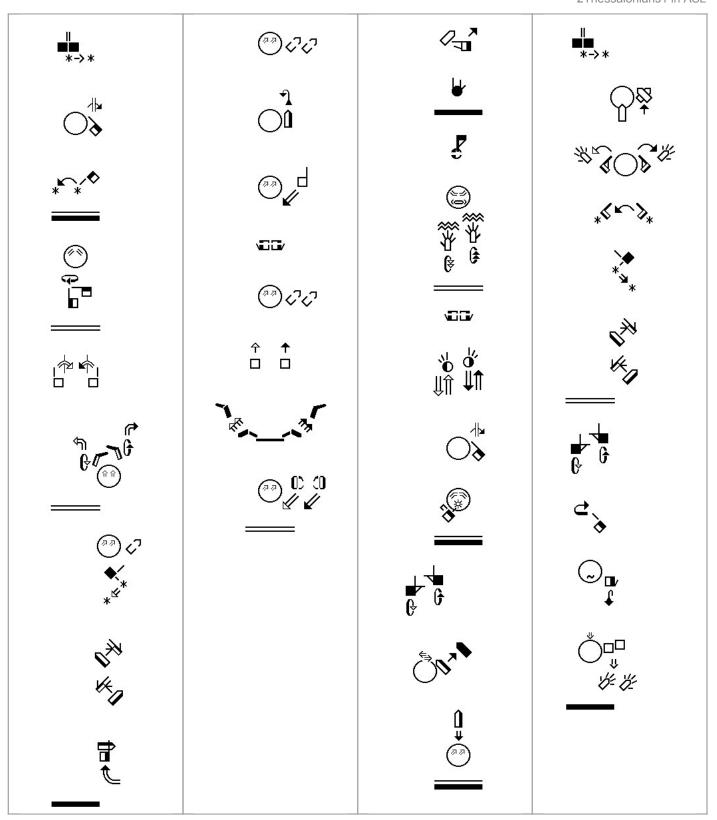
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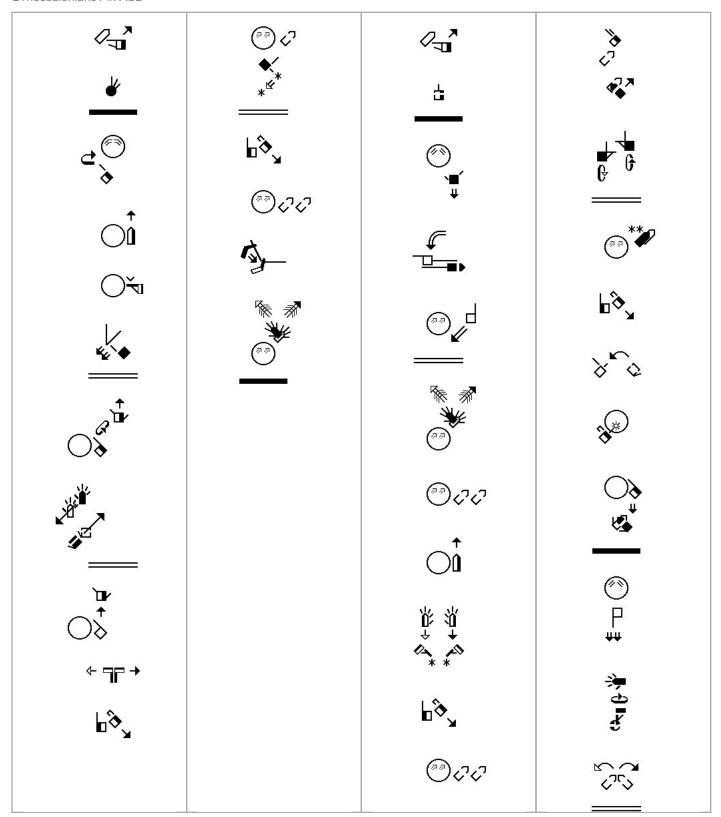
Verse 3. Dear brothers and sisters, we can't help but thank God for you, because your faith is flourishing and your love for one another is growing. Verse 4. We proudly tell God's other churches about your endurance and faithfulness in all the persecutions and hardships you are suffering.



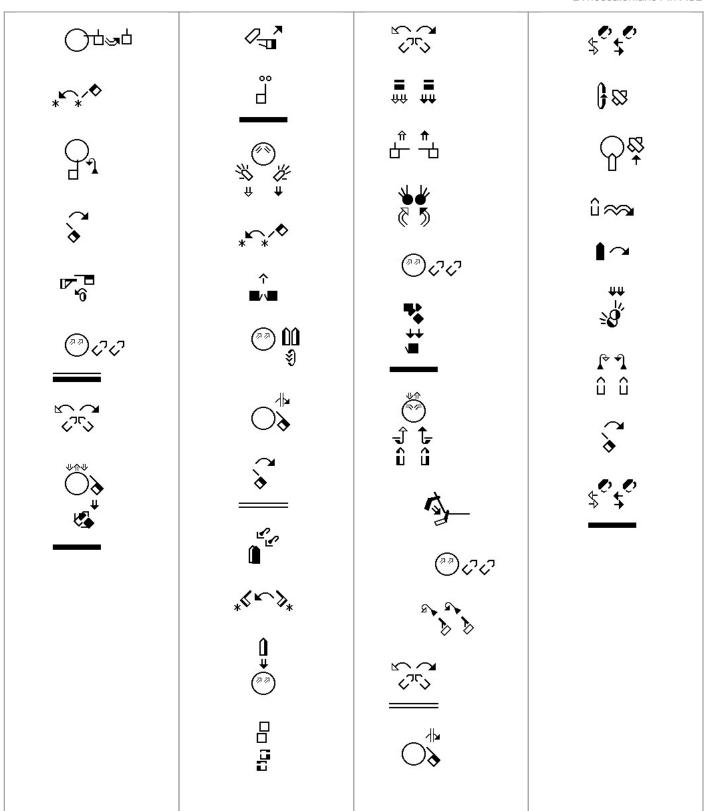
Verse 5. And God will use this persecution to show his justice and to make you worthy of his Kingdom, for which you are suffering. Verse 6. In his justice he will pay back those who persecute you. Verse 7. And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted NLT



and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels, Verse 8. in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus.

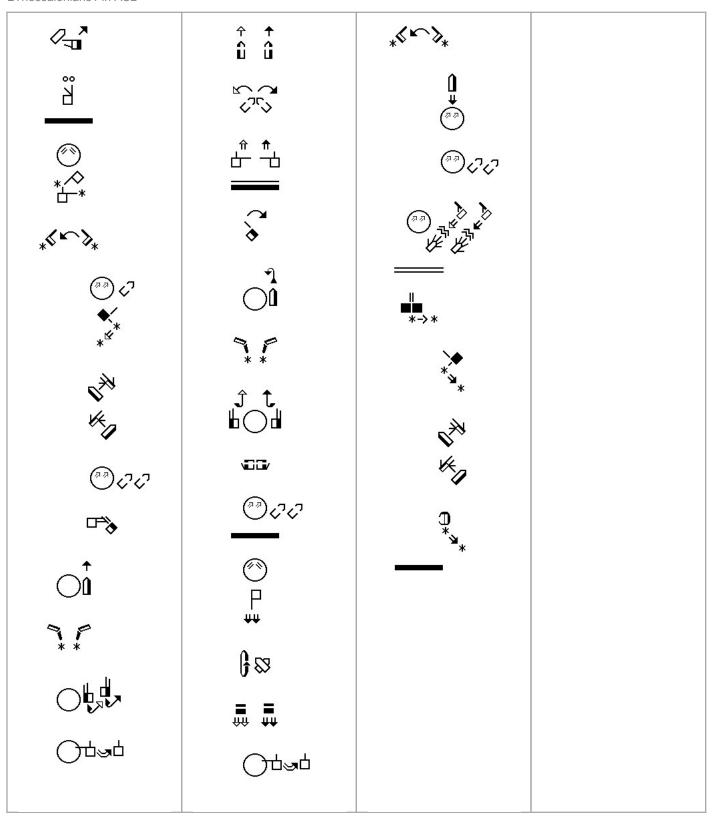


Verse 9. They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power. Verse 10. When he comes on that day, he will receive glory from his holy people -- praise from all who believe. And this includes you,



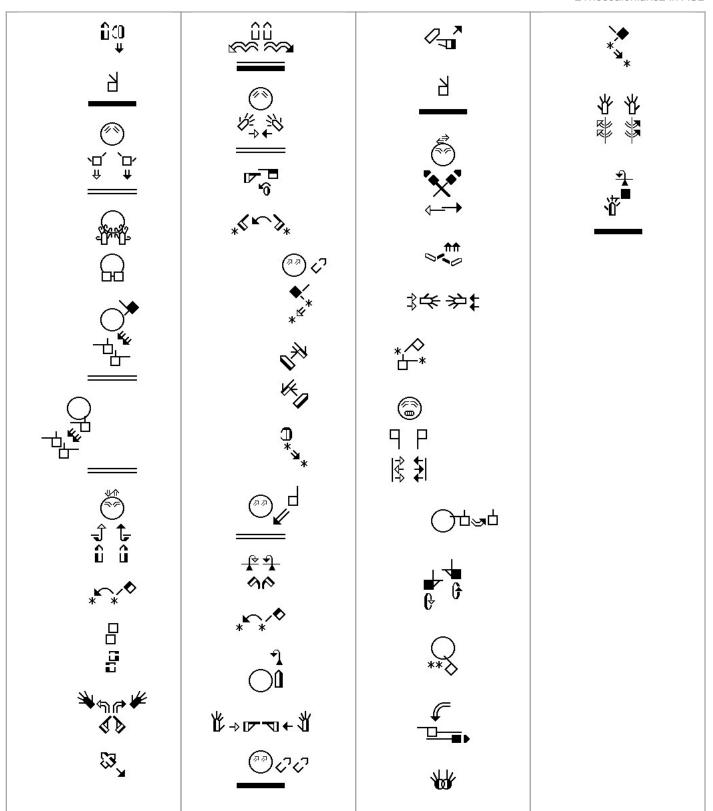
for you believed what we told you about him. Verse 11. So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do.

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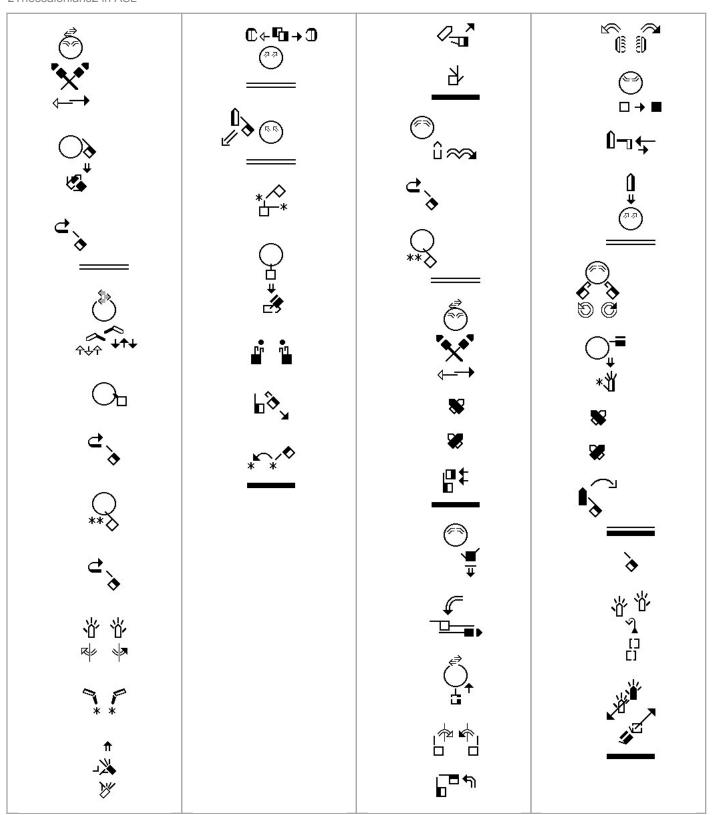


Verse 12. Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

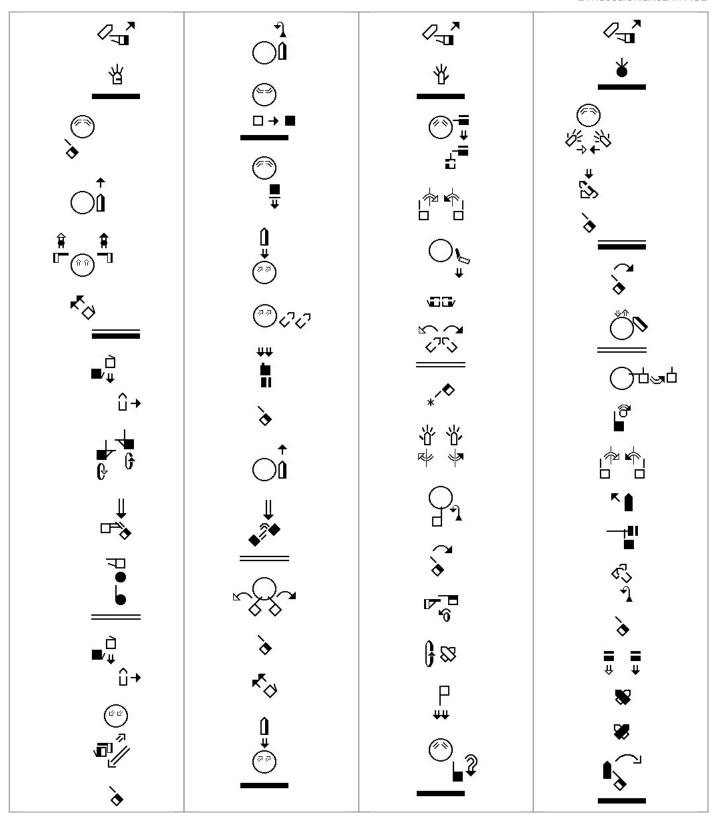
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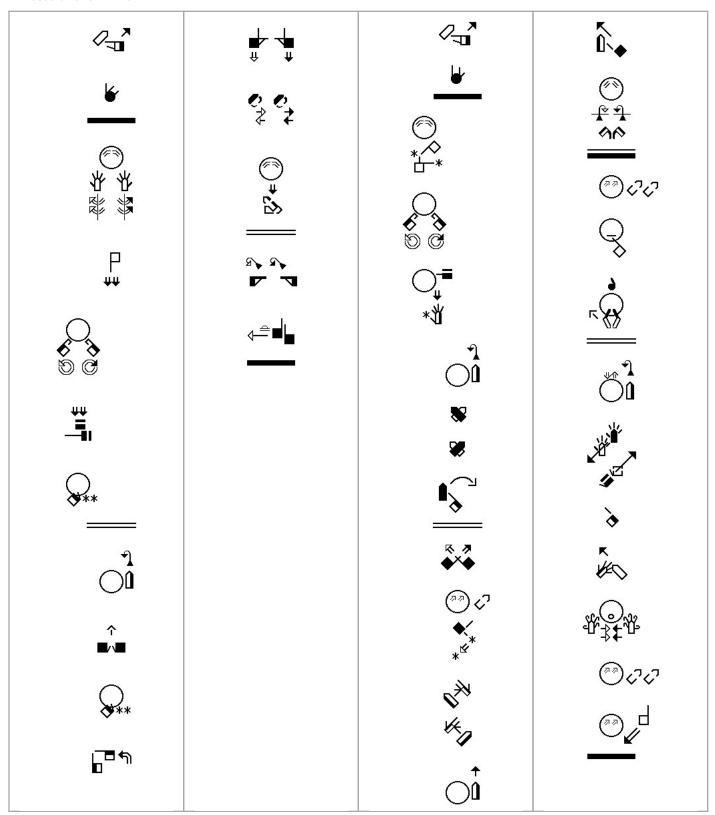
Chapter 2. Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him. Verse 2. Don't be so easily shaken or alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. NLT



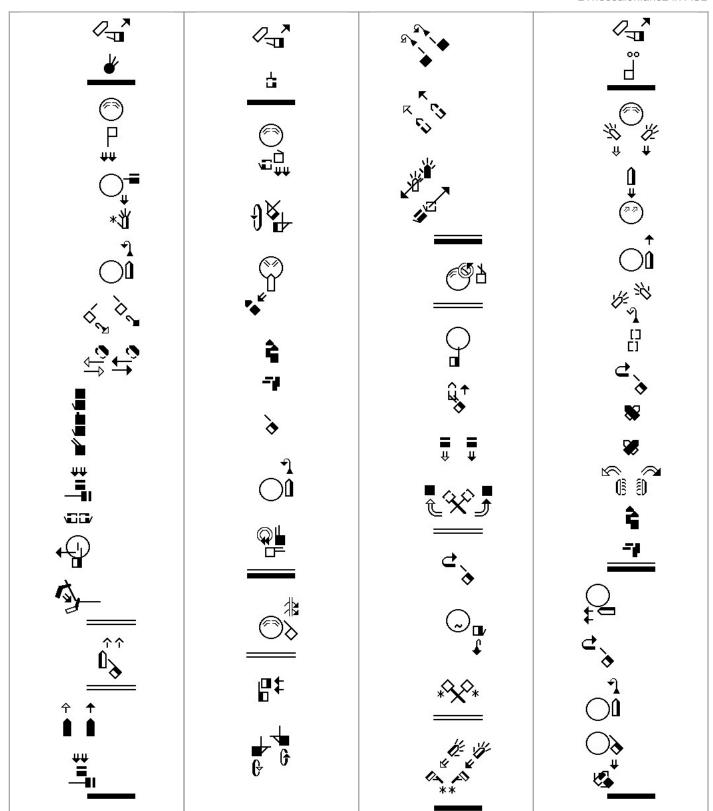
Don't believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us. Verse 3. Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed -- the one who brings destruction.



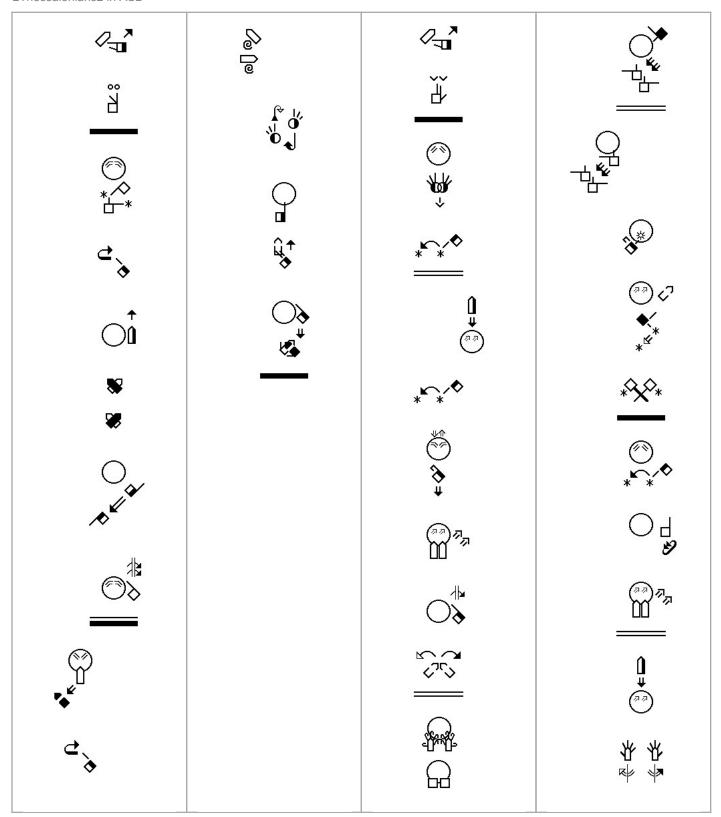
Verse 4. He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God. Verse 5. Don't you remember that I told you about all this when I was with you? Verse 6. And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes. NLT



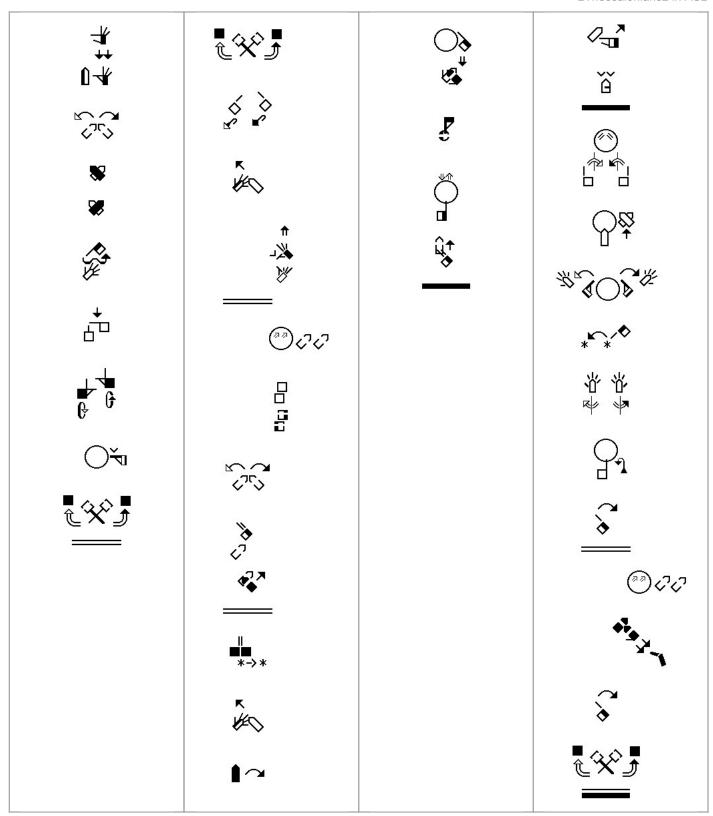
Verse 7. For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. Verse 8. Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will kill him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming.



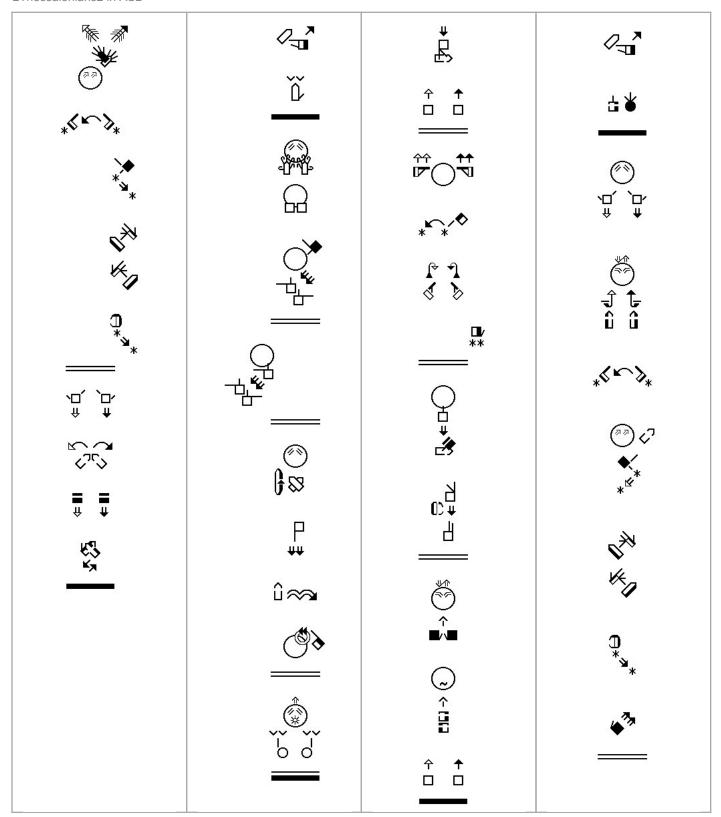
Verse 9. This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. Verse 10. He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them. Verse 11. So God will cause them to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies.



Verse 12. Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth. Verse 13. As for us, we can't help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God NLT



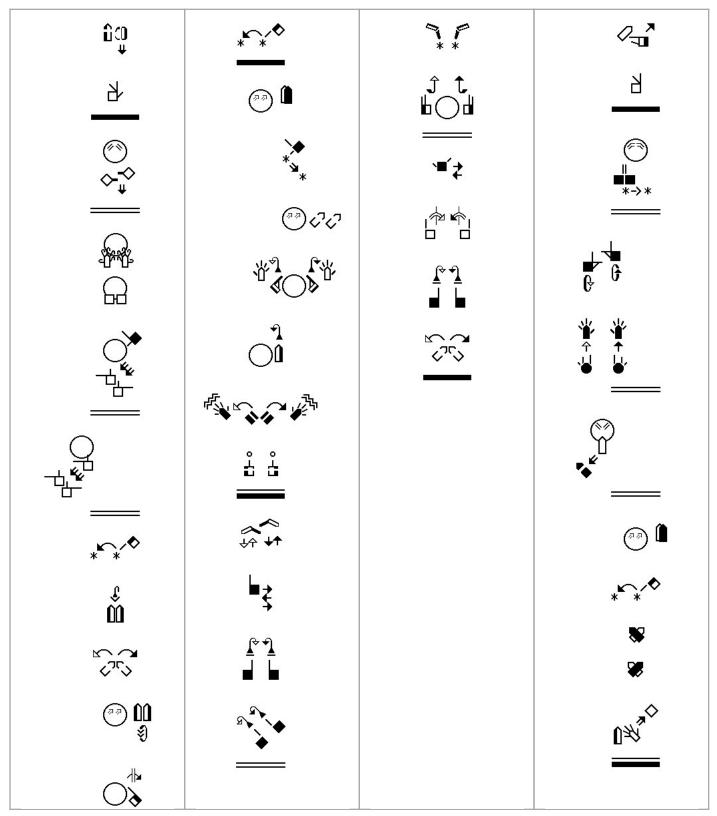
chose you to be among the first to experience salvation -- a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth. Verse 14. He called you to salvation when we told you the Good News;



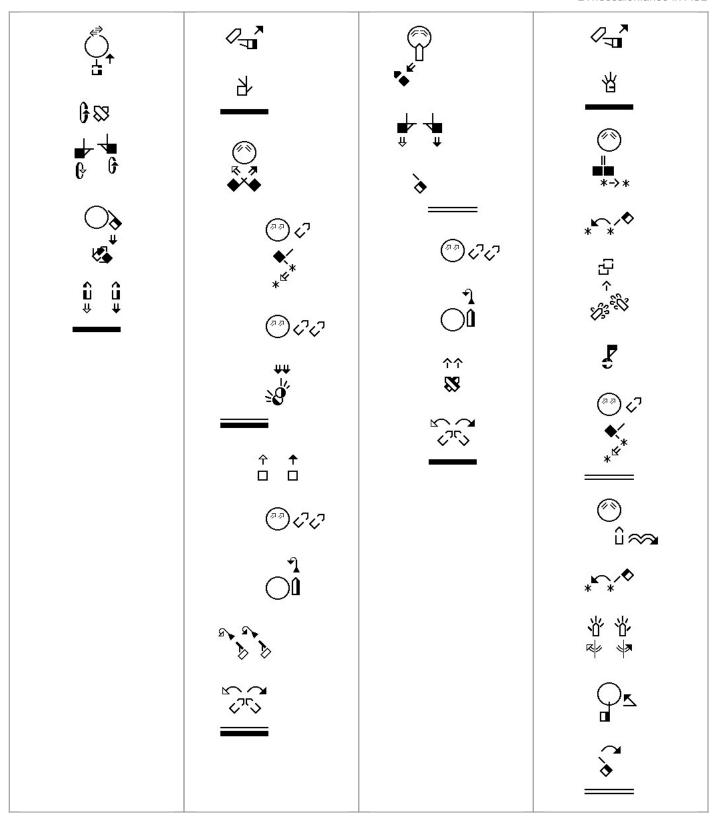
now you can share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Verse 15. With all these things in mind, dear brothers and sisters, stand firm and keep a strong grip on the teaching we passed on to you both in person and by letter. Verse 16. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself

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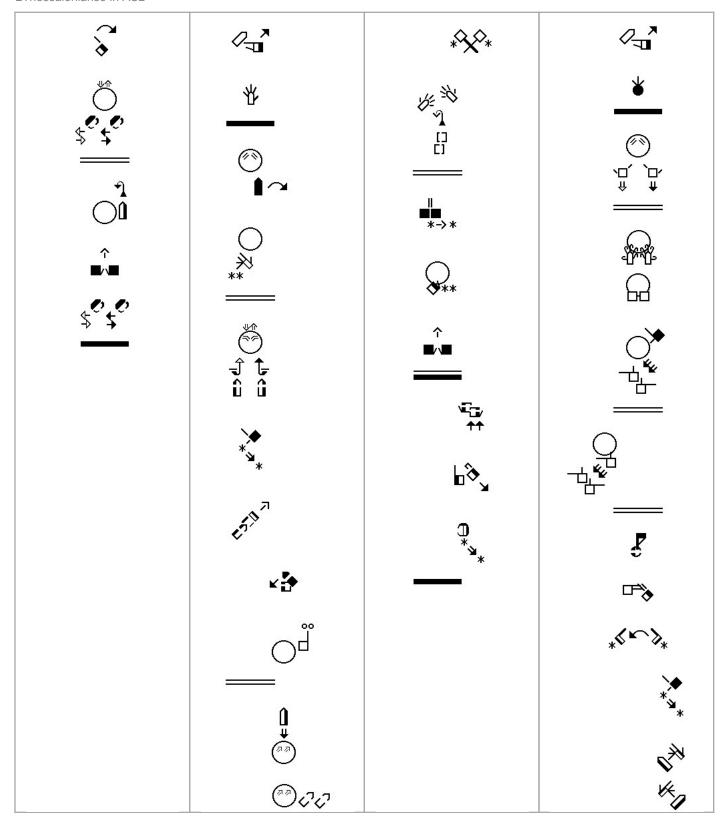
and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope, Verse 17. comfort you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say.



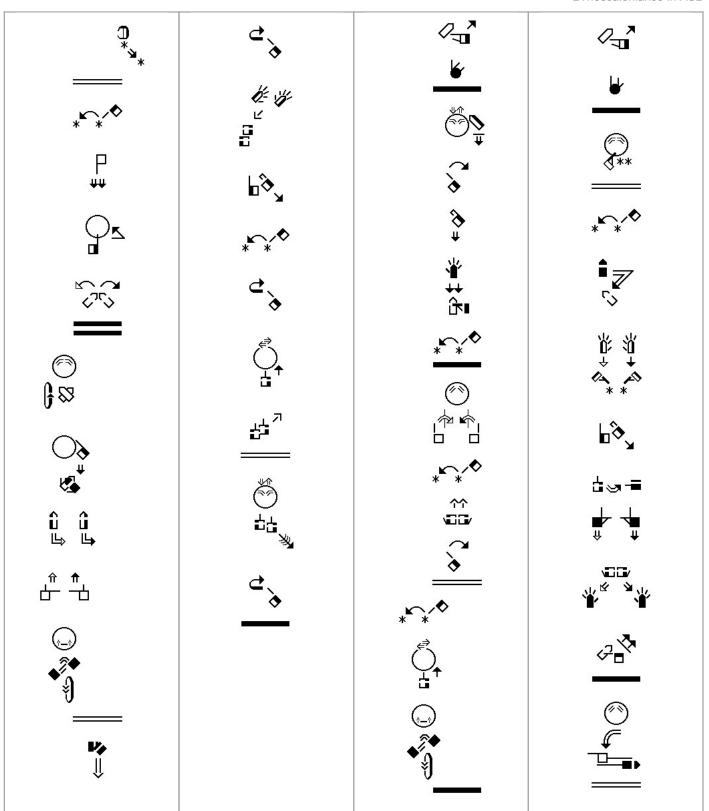
Chapter 3. Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you. Verse 2. Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, NLT



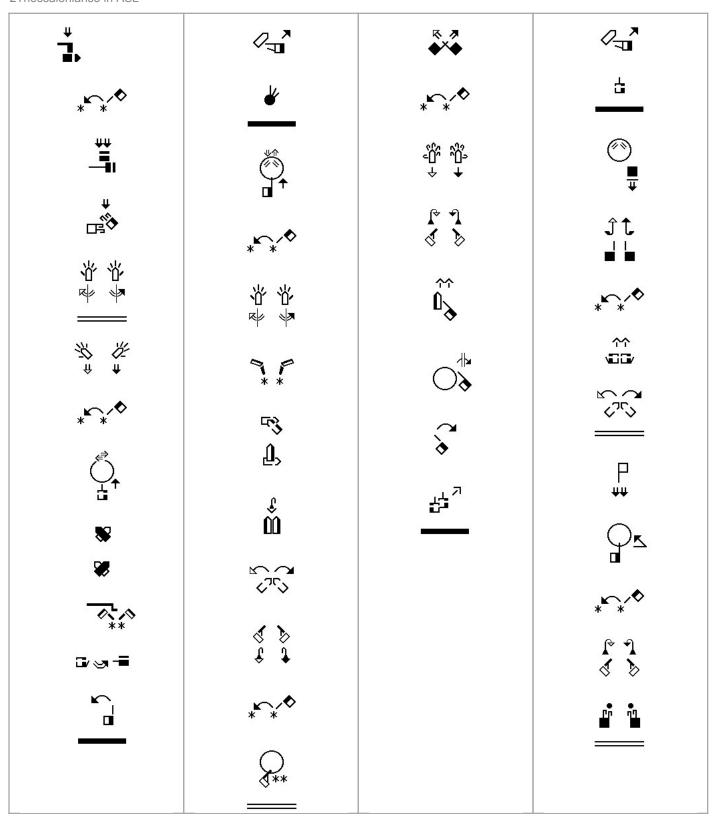
for not everyone is a believer. Verse 3. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. Verse 4. And we are confident in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we commanded you.



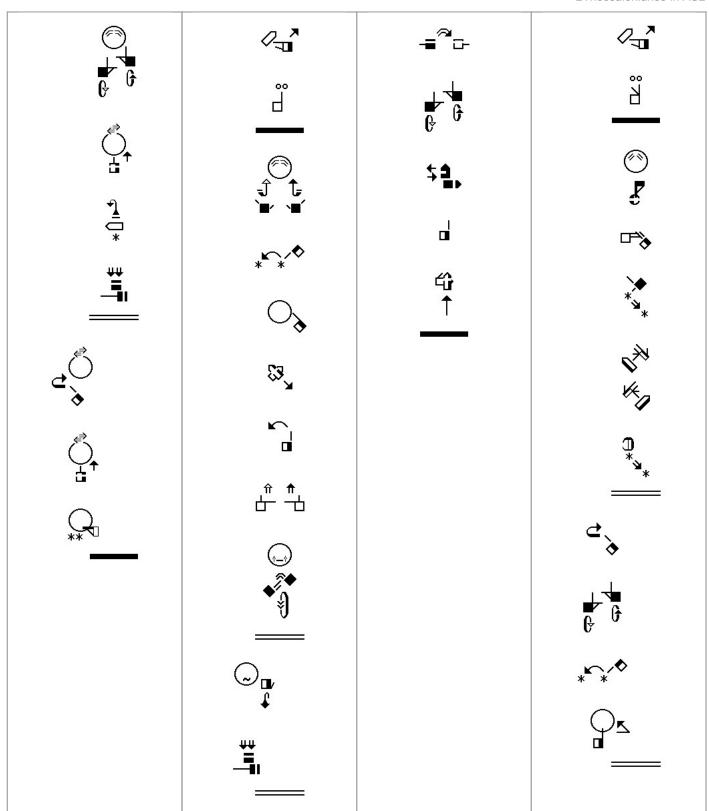
Verse 5. May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ. Verse 6. And now, dear brothers and sisters, we give you this command in the name of our Lord Jesus NLT



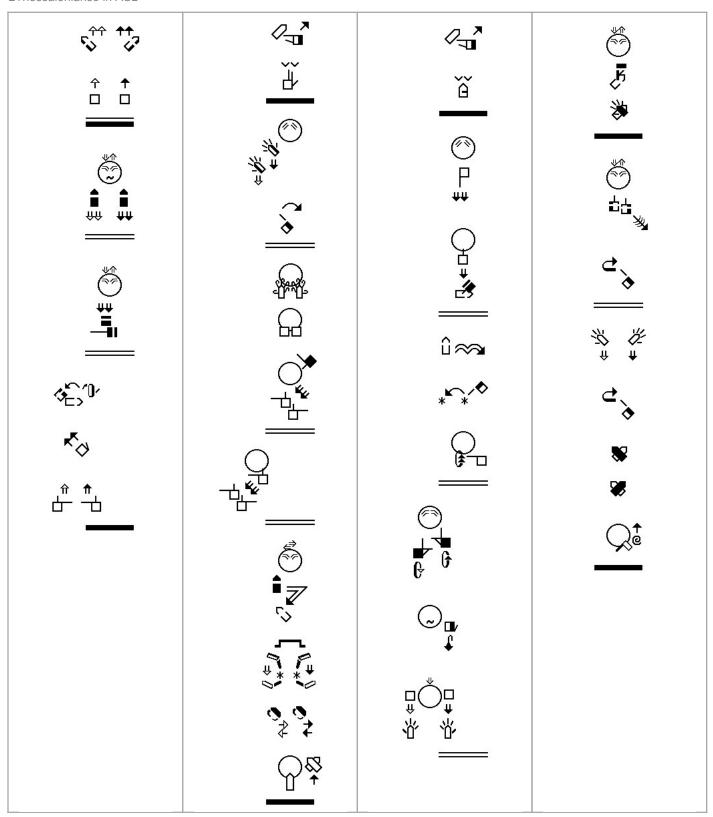
Christ: Stay away from all believers who live idle lives and don't follow the tradition they received from us. Verse 7. For you know that you ought to imitate us. We were not idle when we were with you. Verse 8. We never accepted food from anyone without paying for it.



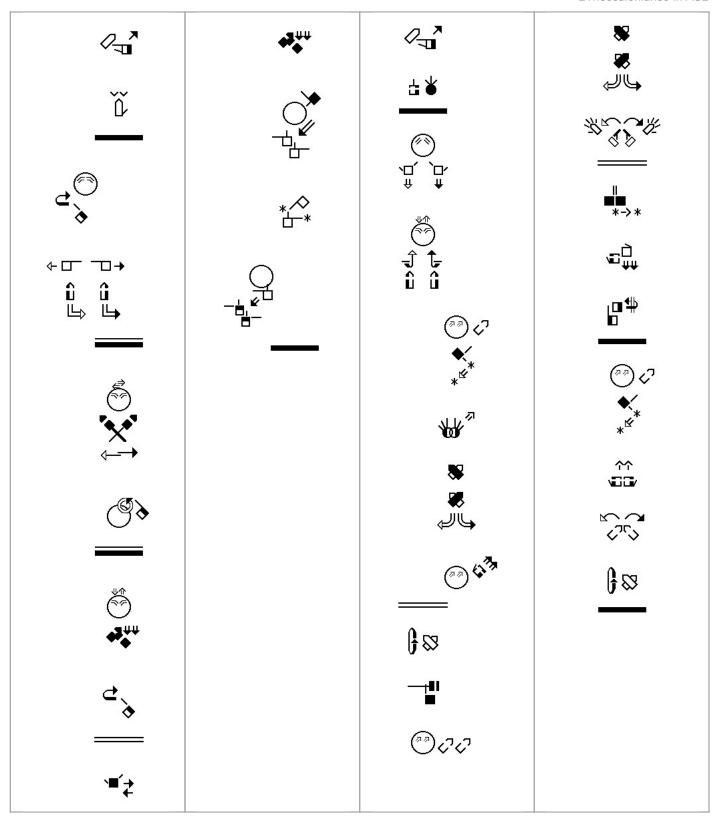
We worked hard day and night so we would not be a burden to any of you. Verse 9. We certainly had the right to ask you to feed us, but we wanted to give you an example to follow. Verse 10. Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: NLT



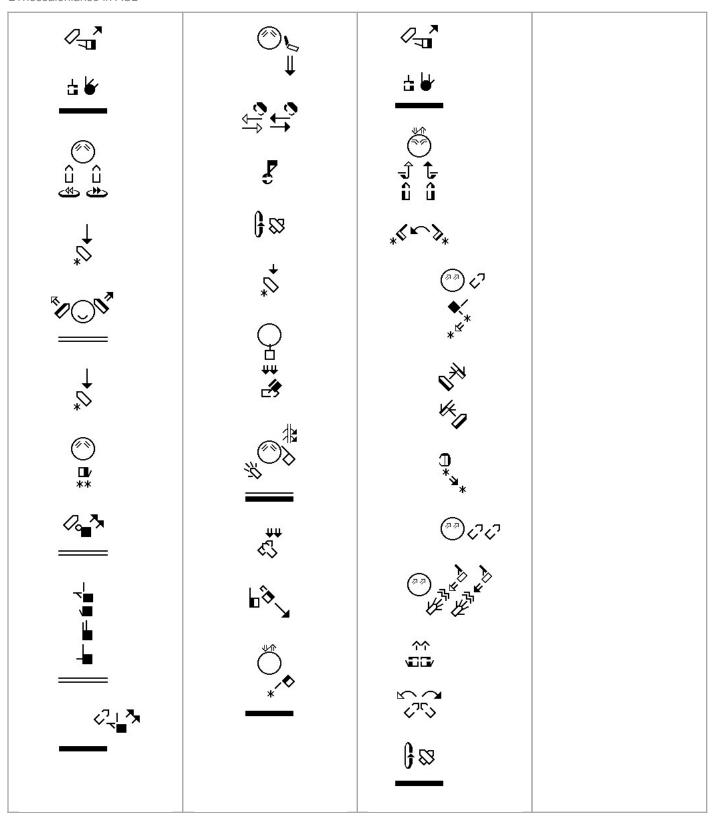
"Those unwilling to work will not get to eat." Verse 11. Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. Verse 12. We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ NLT



to settle down and work to earn their own living. Verse 13. As for the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters, never get tired of doing good. Verse 14. Take note of those who refuse to obey what we say in this letter. Stay away from them so they will be ashamed. NLT

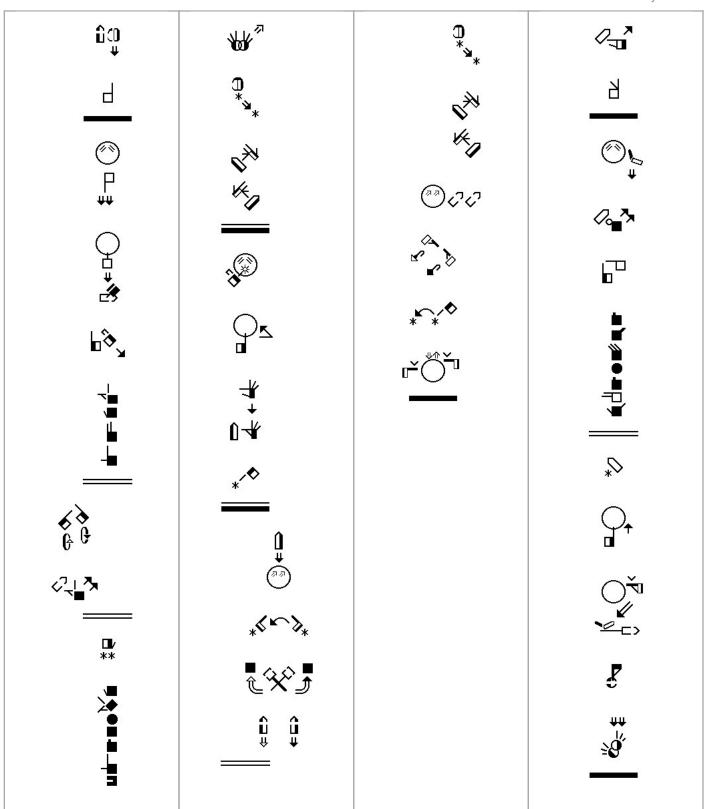


Verse 15. Don't think of them as enemies, but warn them as you would a brother or sister. Verse 16. Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.



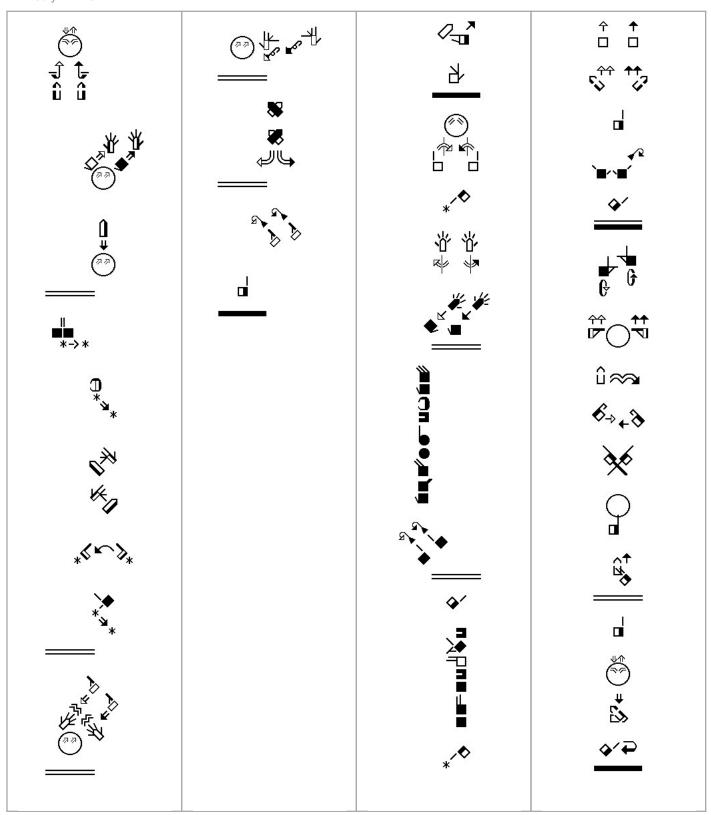
Verse 17. HERE IS MY GREETING IN MY OWN HANDWRITING -- PAUL. I DO THIS IN ALL MY LETTERS TO PROVE THEY ARE FROM ME. Verse 18. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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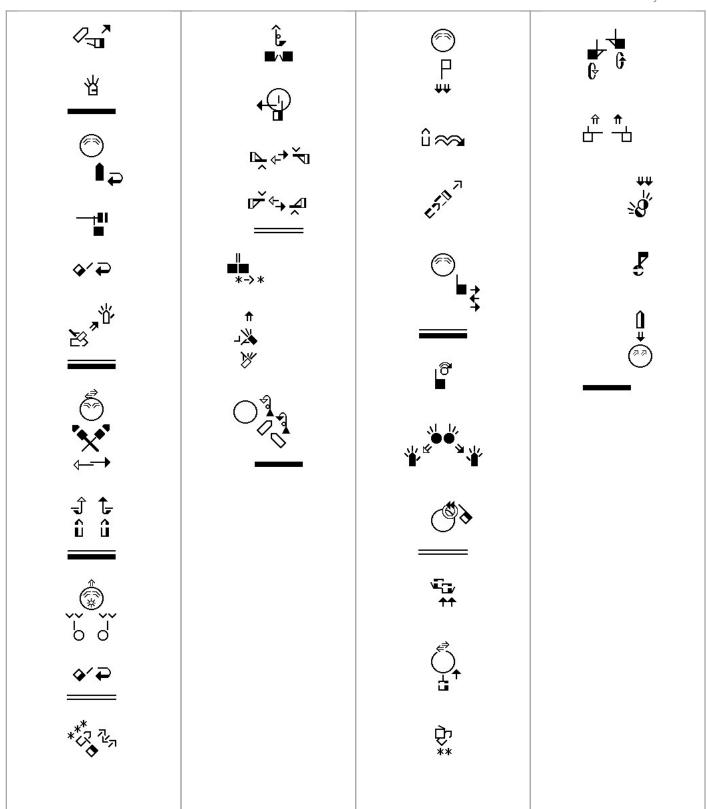


Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, appointed by the command of God our Savior and Christ Jesus, who gives us hope. Verse 2. I am writing to Timothy, my true son in the faith.

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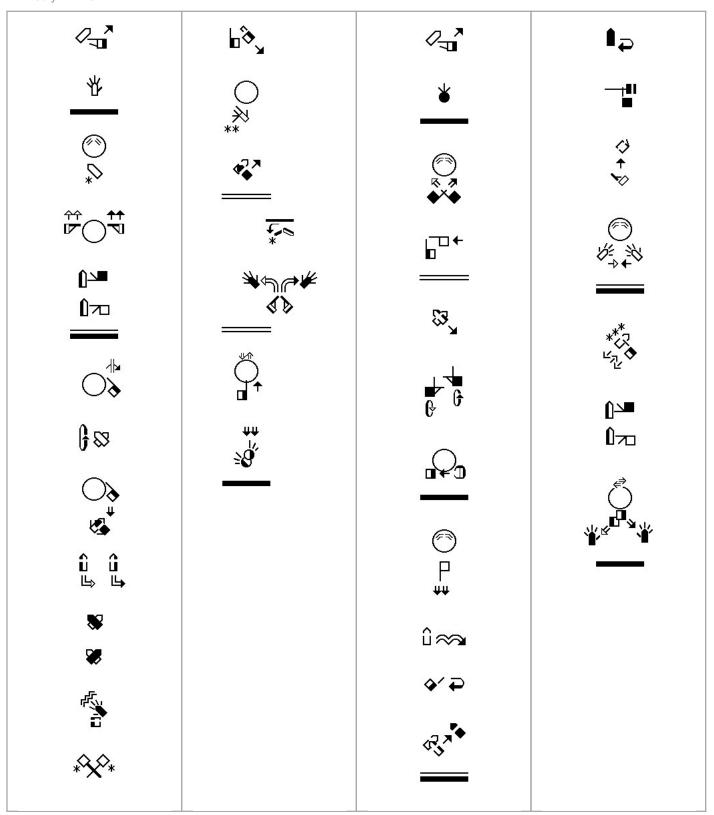


May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace. Verse 3. When I left for Macedonia, I urged you to stay there in Ephesus and stop those whose teaching is contrary to the truth.

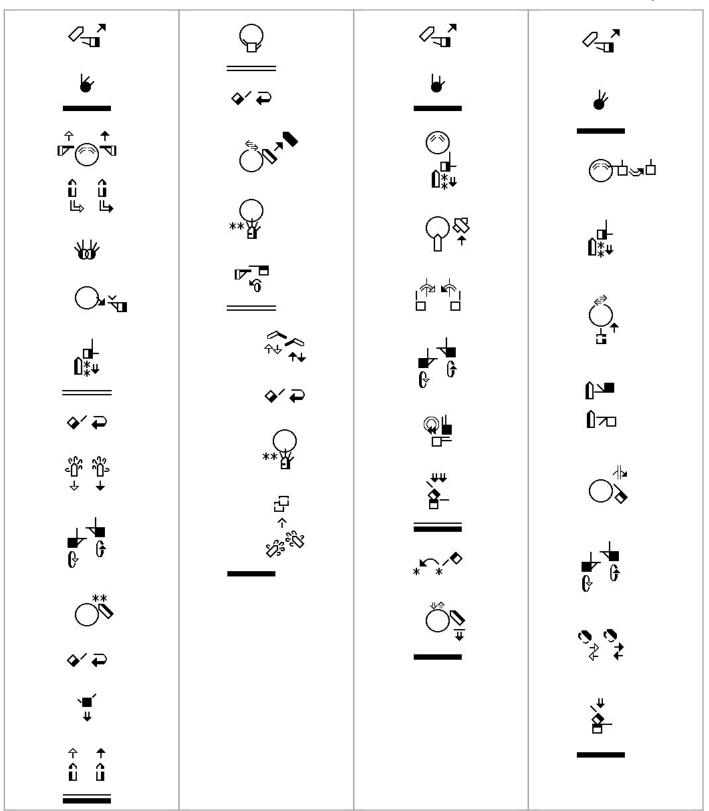


Verse 4. Don't let them waste their time in endless discussion of myths and spiritual pedigrees. These things only lead to meaningless speculations, which don't help people live a life of faith in God.

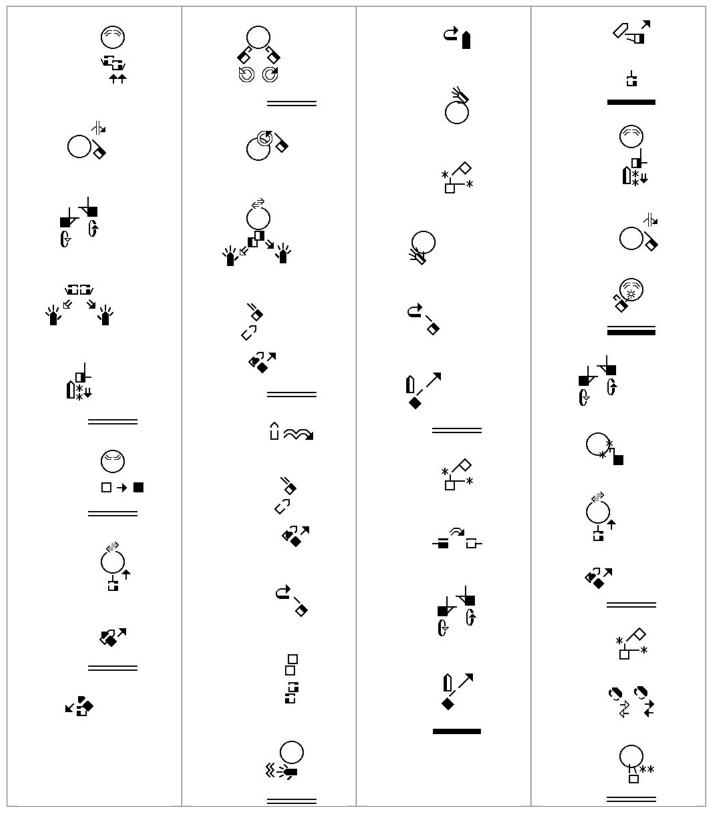
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Verse 5. The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. Verse 6. But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions.



Verse 7. They want to be known as teachers of the law of Moses, but they don't know what they are talking about, even though they speak so confidently. Verse 8. We know that the law is good when used correctly. Verse 9. For the law was not intended for people who do what is right.

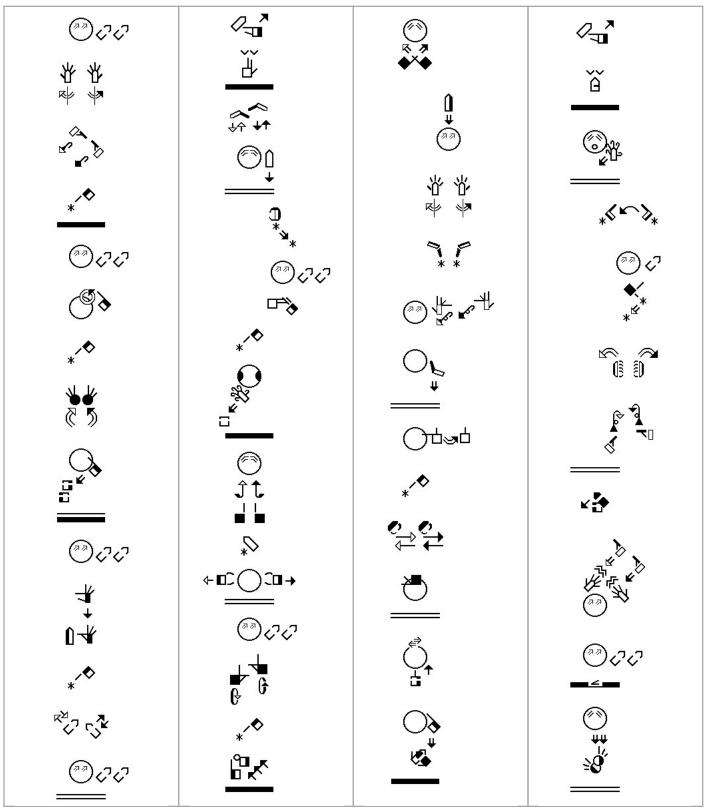


It is for people who are lawless and rebellious, who are ungodly and sinful, who consider nothing sacred and defile what is holy, who kill their father or mother or commit other murders. Verse 10. The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice homosexuality,

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or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching Verse 11. that comes from the glorious Good News entrusted to me by our blessed God. Verse 12. I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work.

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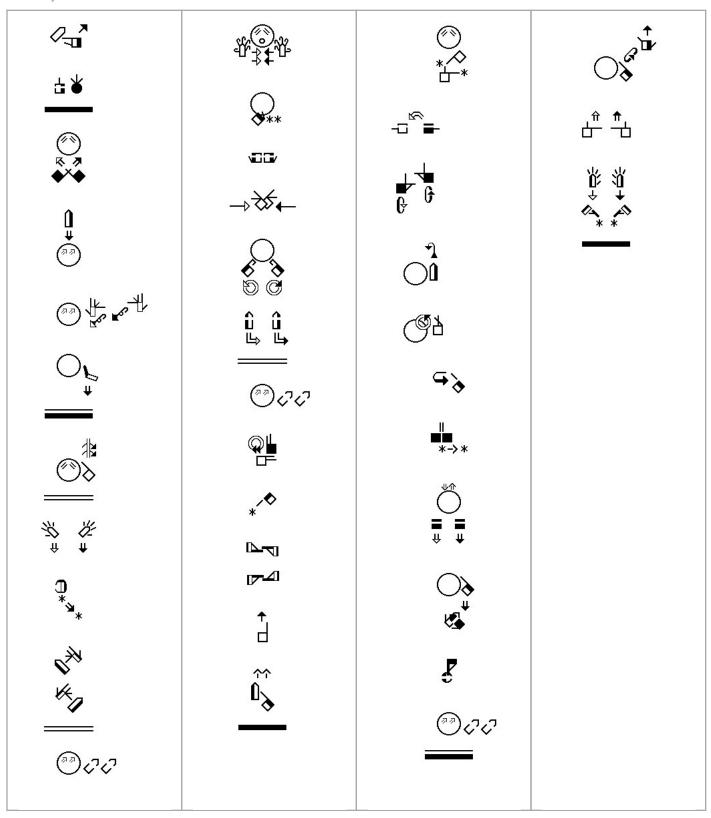


He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, Verse 13. even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. Verse 14. Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith

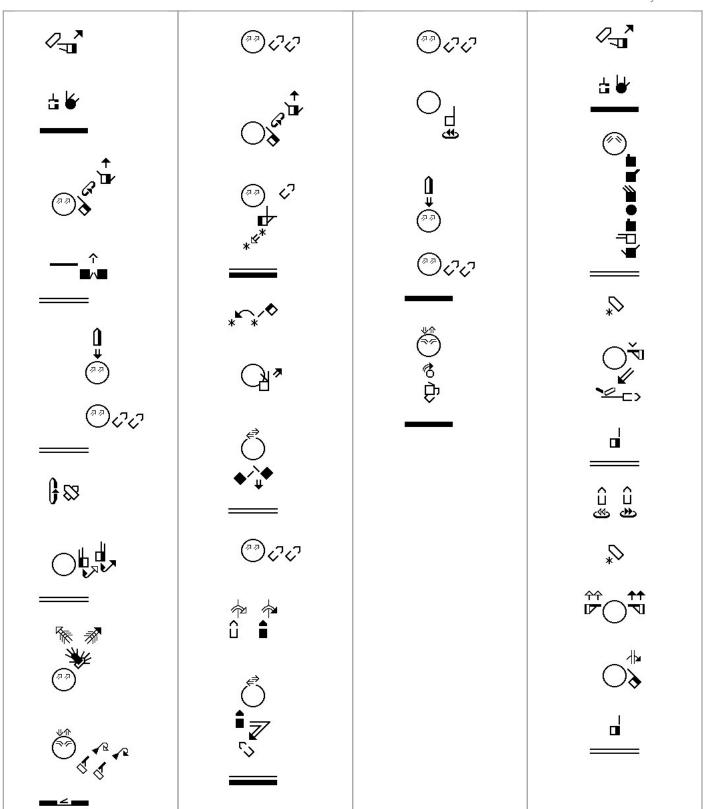
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and love that come from Christ Jesus. Verse 15. This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" -- and I am the worst of them all.

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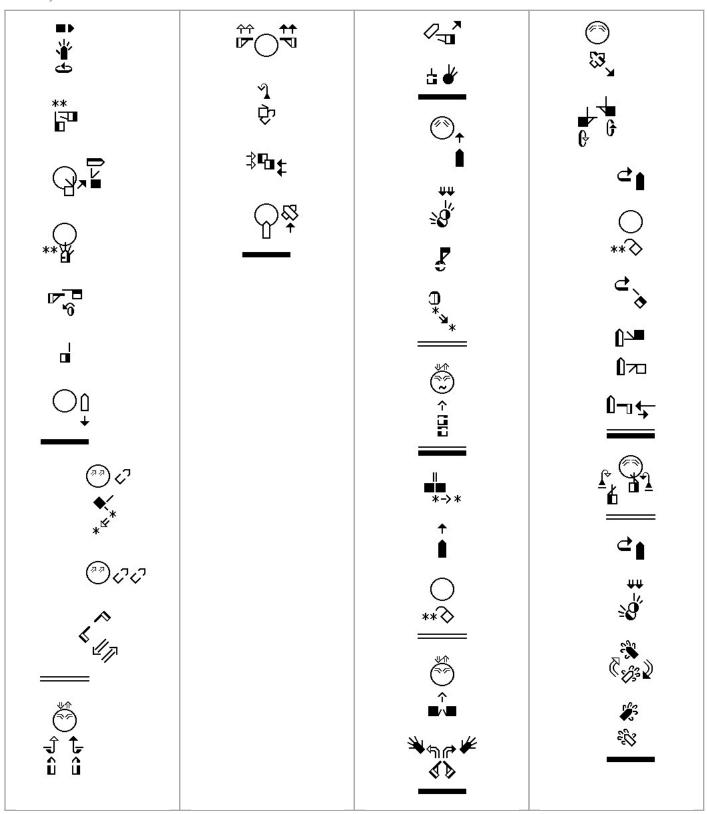


Verse 16. But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.

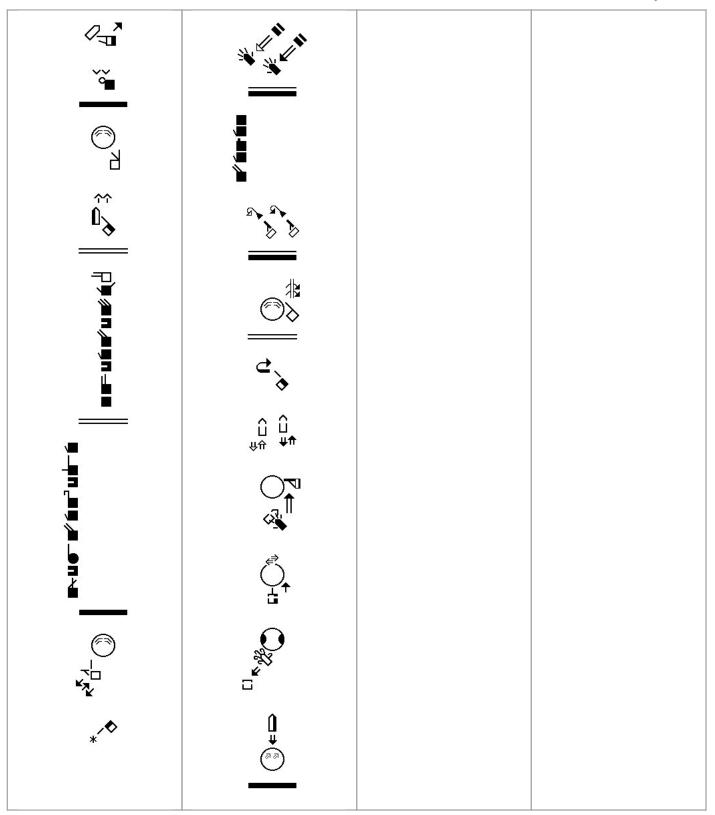


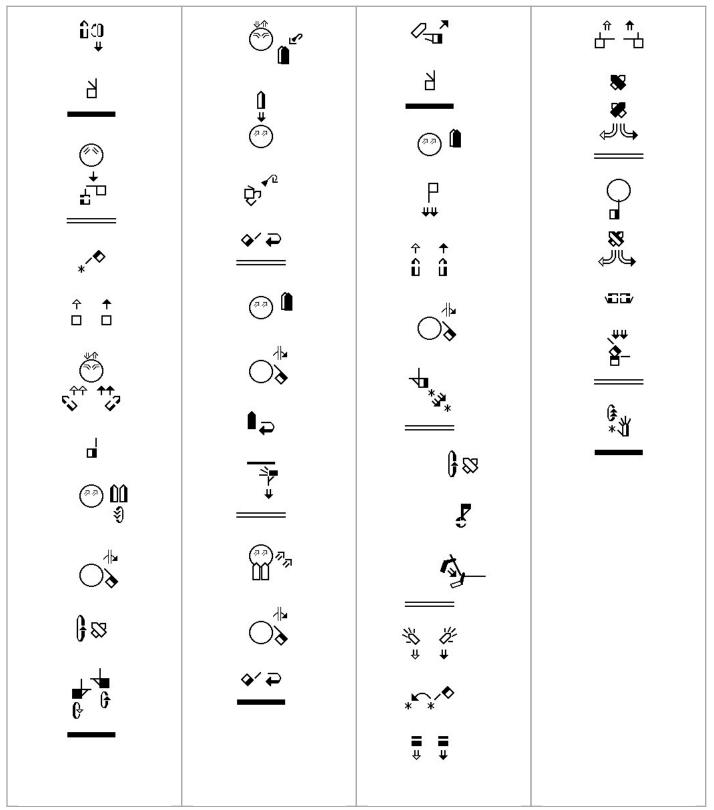
Verse 17. All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen. Verse 18. Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you,

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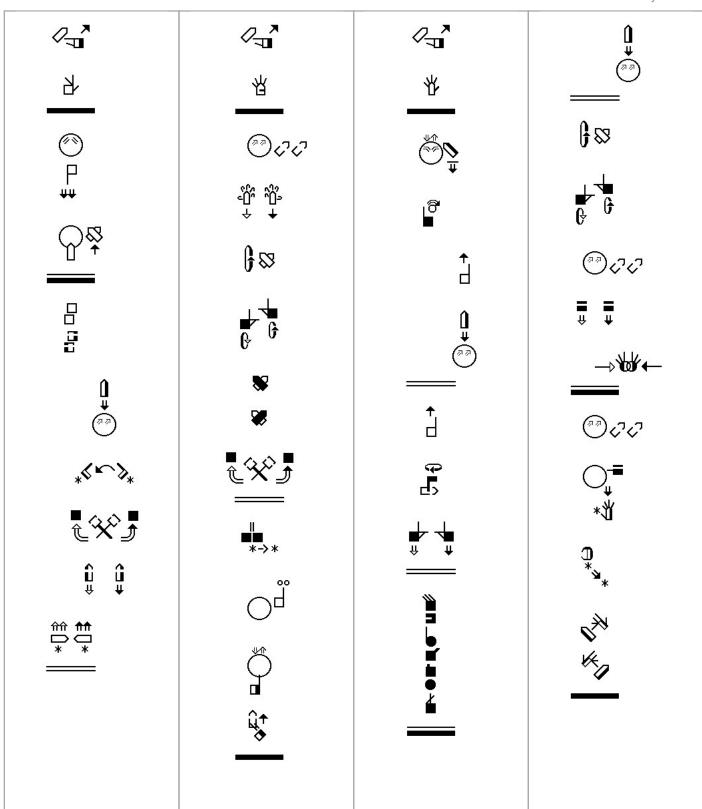
based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in the Lord's battles. Verse 19. Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.





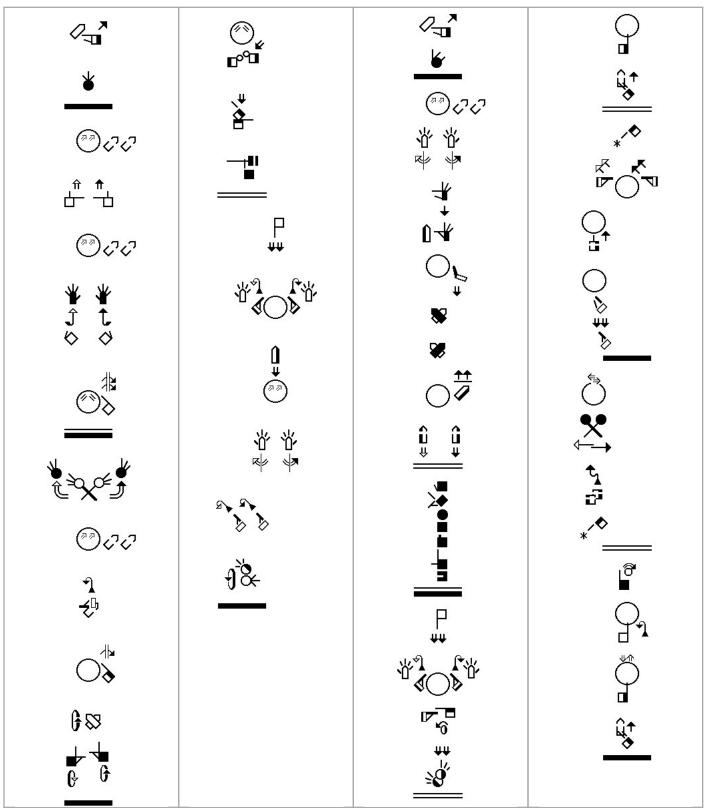
Chapter 2. I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Verse 2. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

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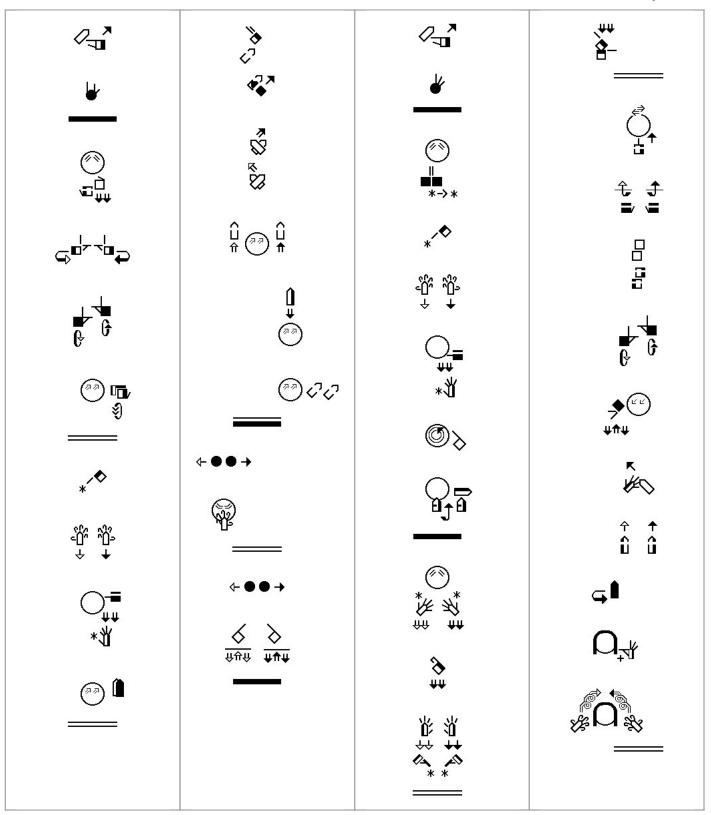


Verse 3. This is good and pleases God our Savior, Verse 4. who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. Verse 5. For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity -- the man Christ Jesus.

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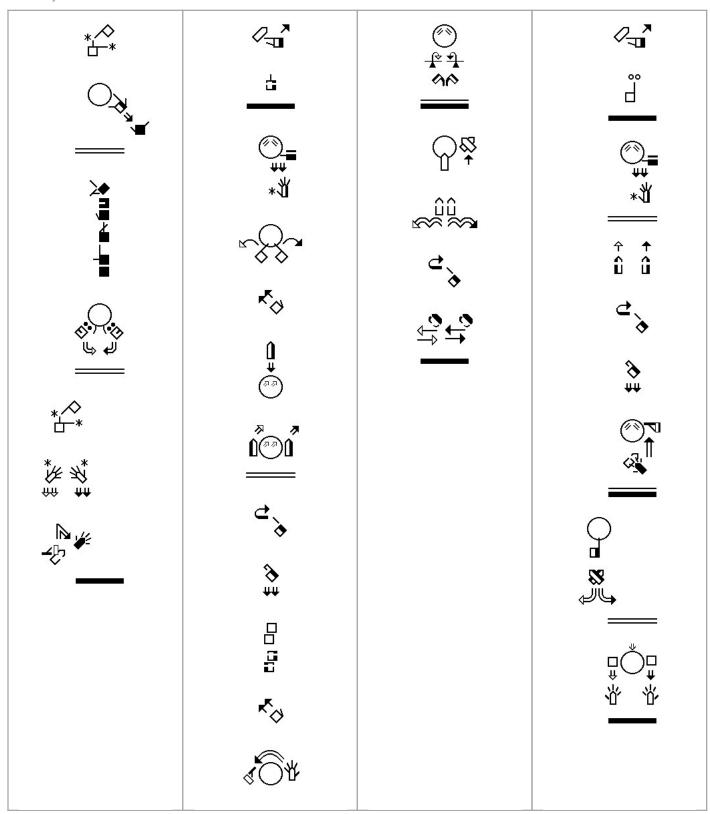


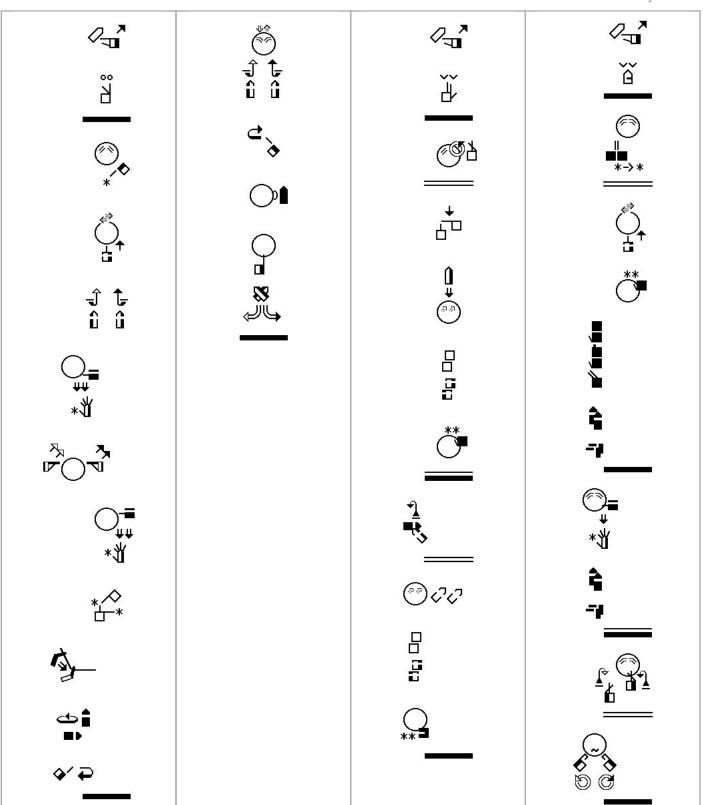
Verse 6. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. Verse 7. And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth. I'm not exaggerating -- just telling the truth.



Verse 8. In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy. Verse 9. And I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair

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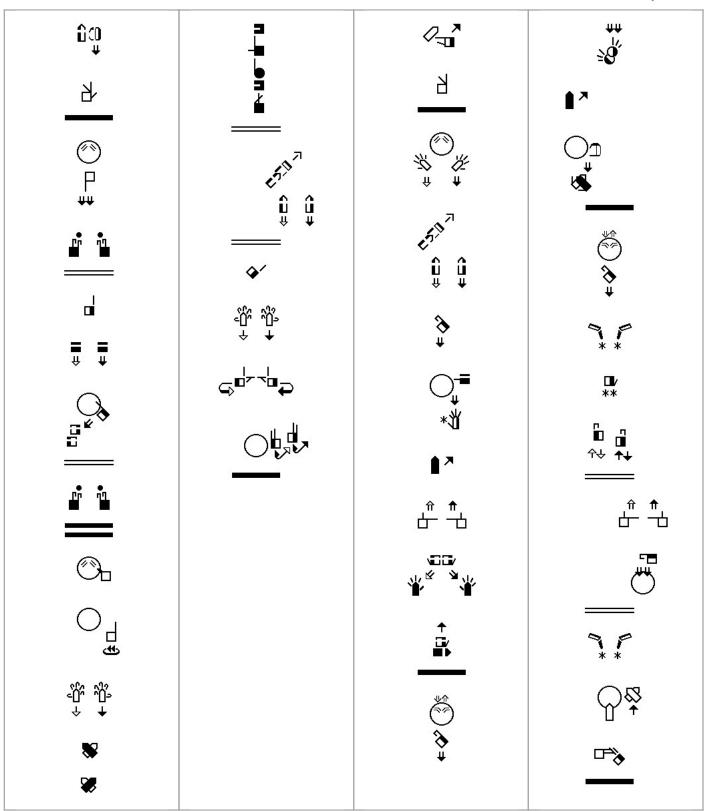


Verse 12. I do not let women teach men or have authority over them. Let them listen quietly. Verse 13. For God made Adam first, and afterward he made Eve. Verse 14. And it was not Adam who was deceived by Satan. The woman was deceived, and sin was the result.

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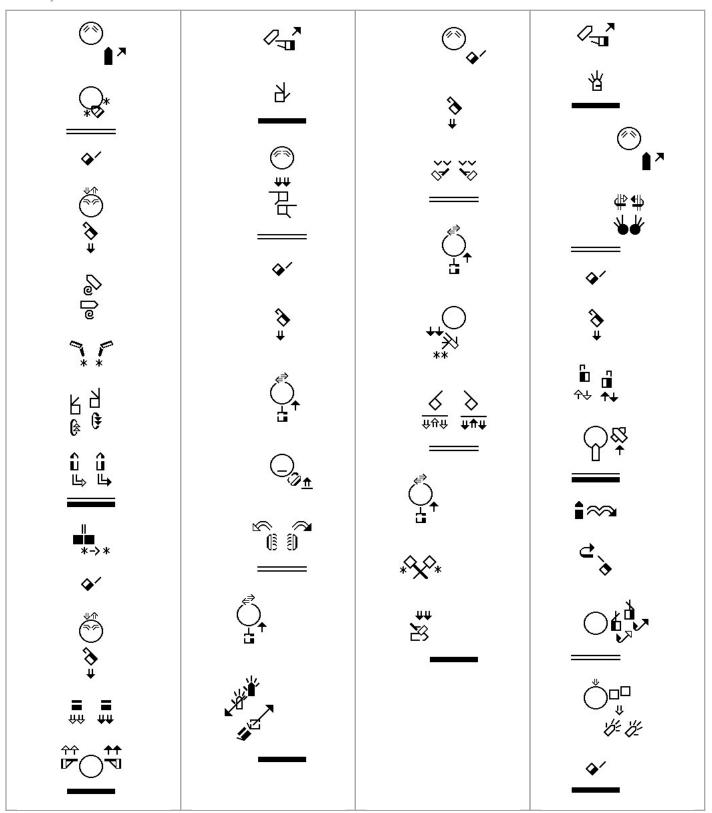
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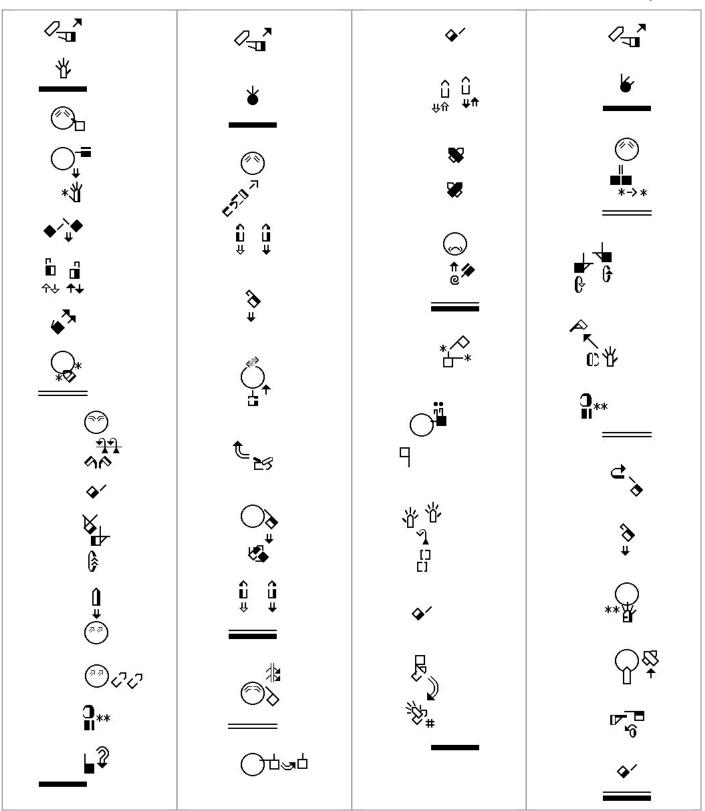
Chapter 3. This is a trustworthy saying: "If someone aspires to be an elder, he desires an honorable position." Verse 2. So an elder must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife. He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation.

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He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach. Verse 3. He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money. Verse 4. He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him.

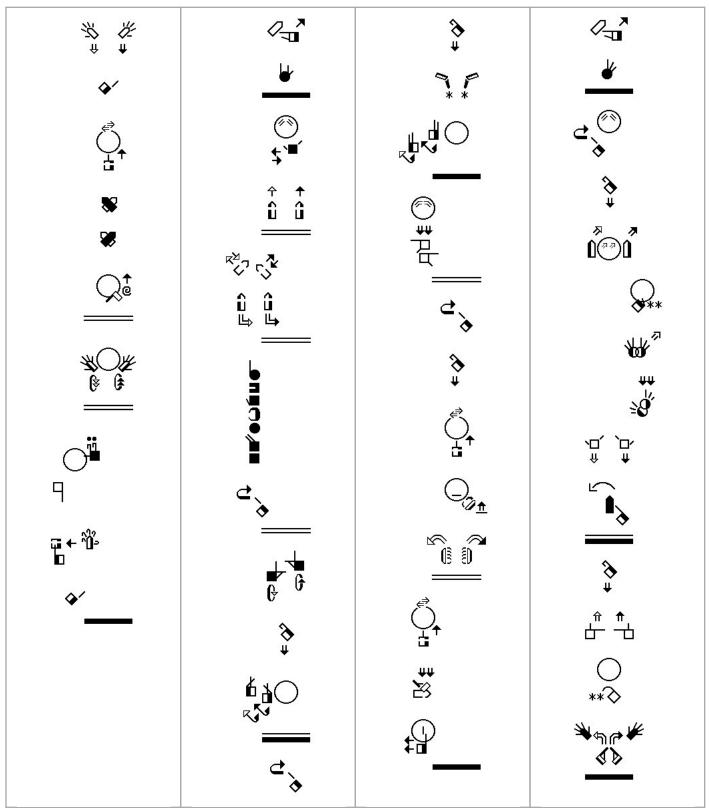
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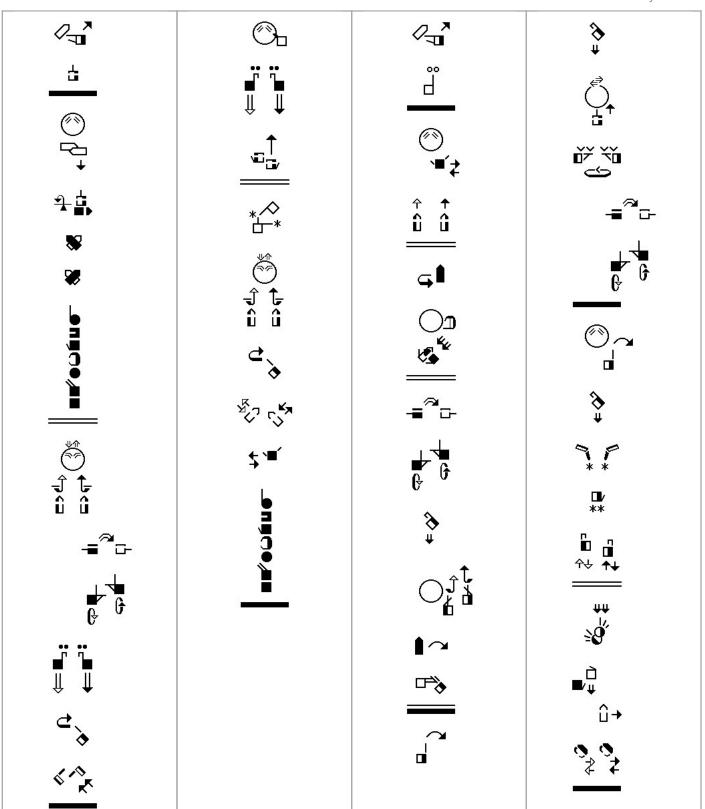
Verse 5. For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church? Verse 6. An elder must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall. Verse 7. Also, people outside the church must speak well of him

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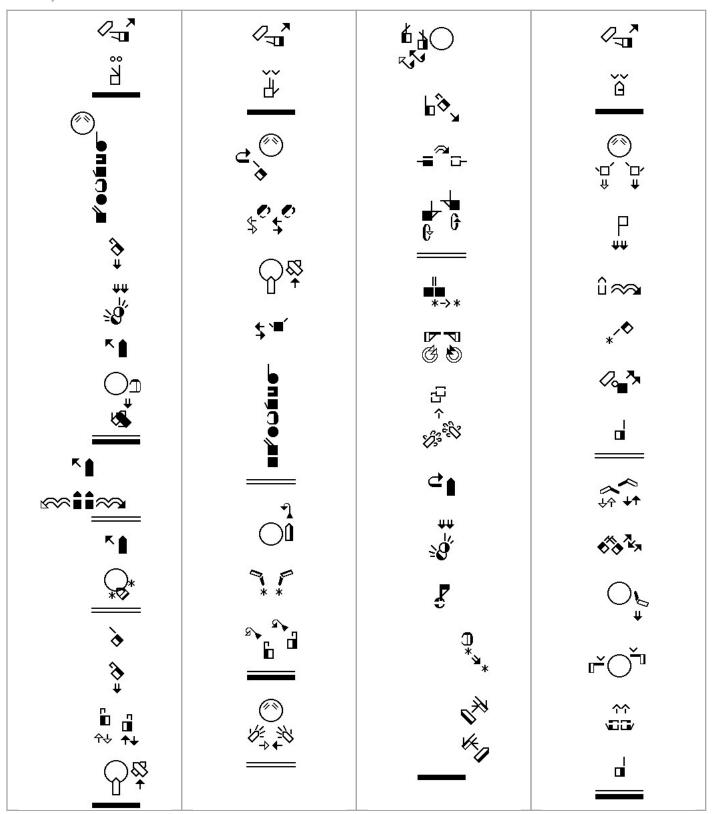


so that he will not be disgraced and fall into the devil's trap. Verse 8. In the same way, deacons must be well respected and have integrity. They must not be heavy drinkers or dishonest with money. Verse 9. They must be committed to the mystery of the faith now revealed and must live with a clear conscience.

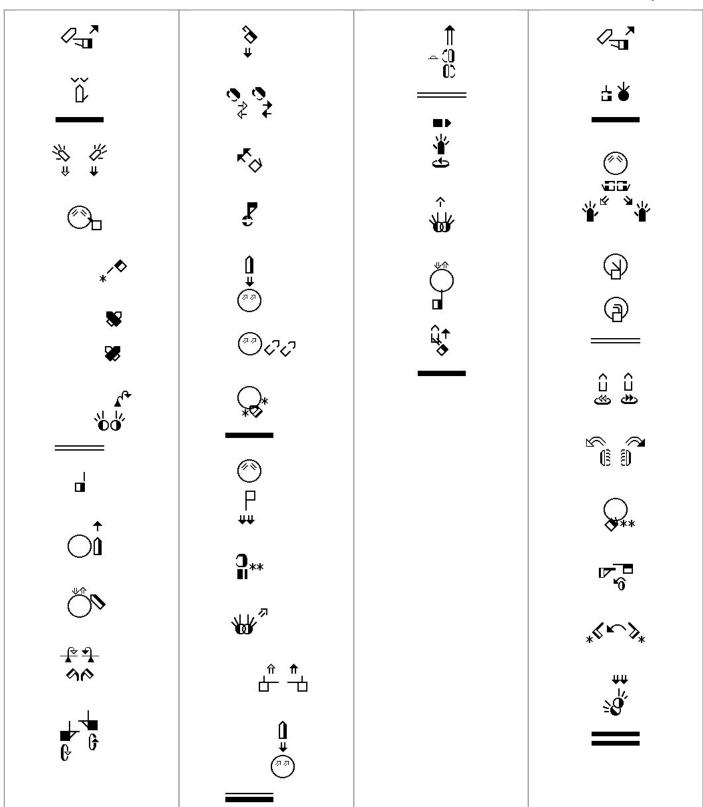


Verse 10. Before they are appointed as deacons, let them be closely examined. If they pass the test, then let them serve as deacons. Verse 11. In the same way, their wives must be respected and must not slander others. They must exercise self-control and be faithful in everything they do.

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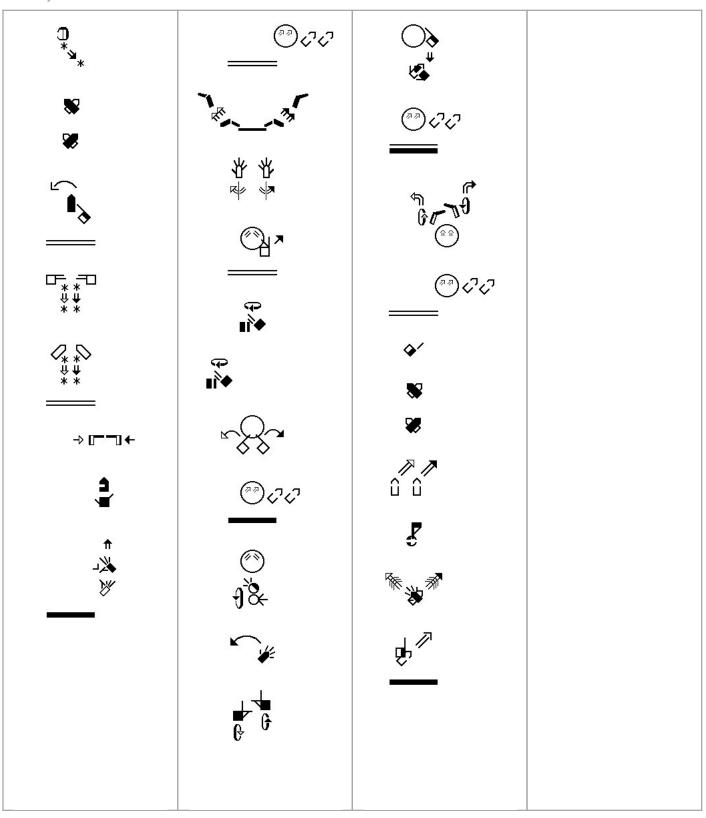


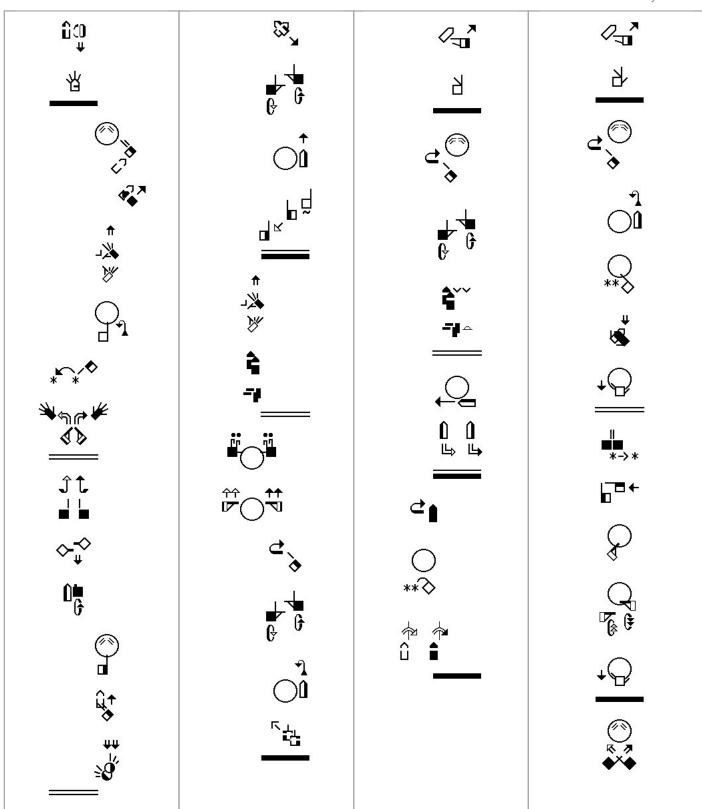
Verse 12. A deacon must be faithful to his wife, and he must manage his children and household well. Verse 13. Those who do well as deacons will be rewarded with respect from others and will have increased confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus. Verse 14. I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon,



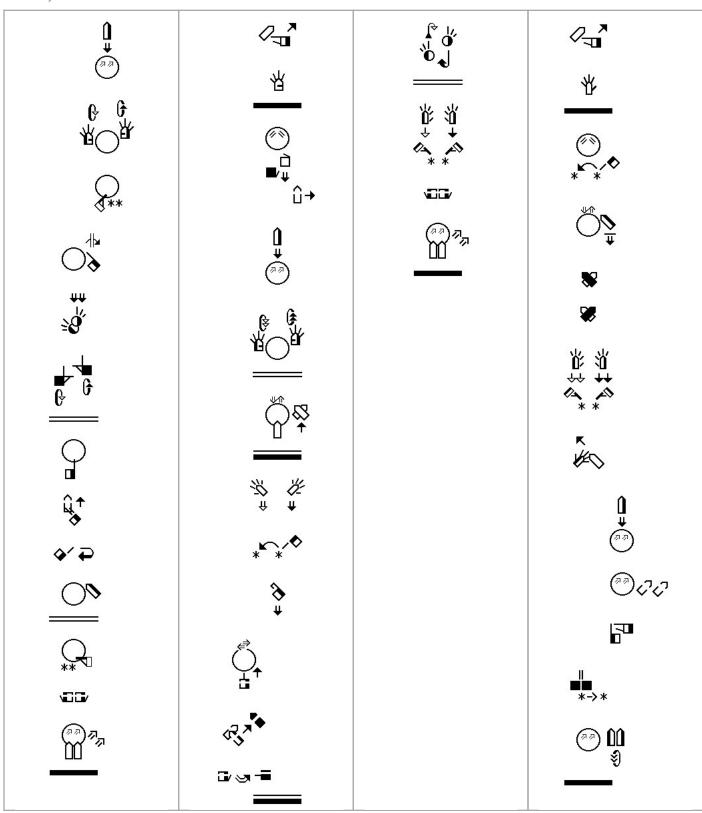
Verse 15. so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth. Verse 16. Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: NLT

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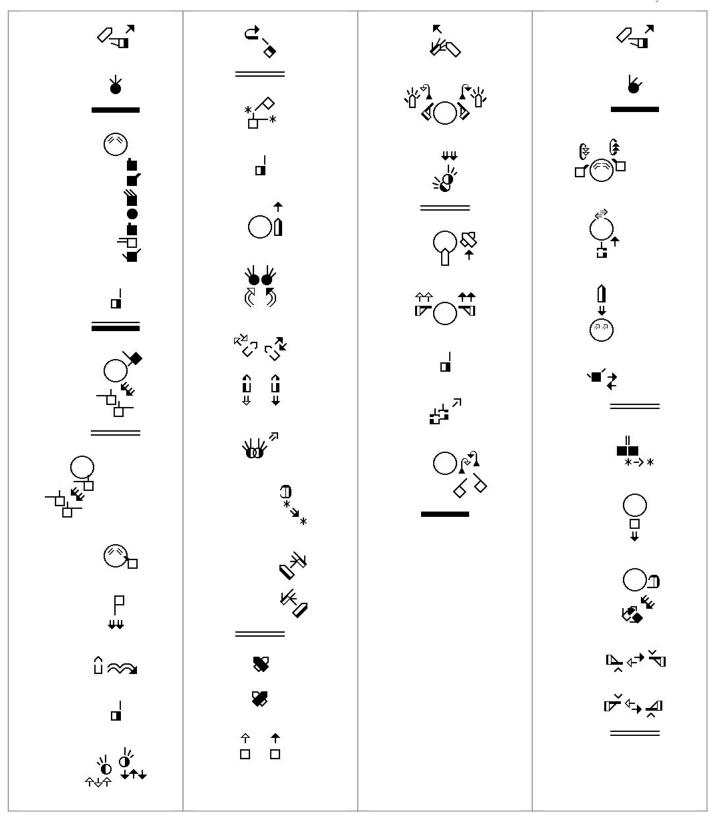


Chapter 4. Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. Verse 2. These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead. Verse 3. They will say it is wrong to be married and wrong to eat certain foods. But

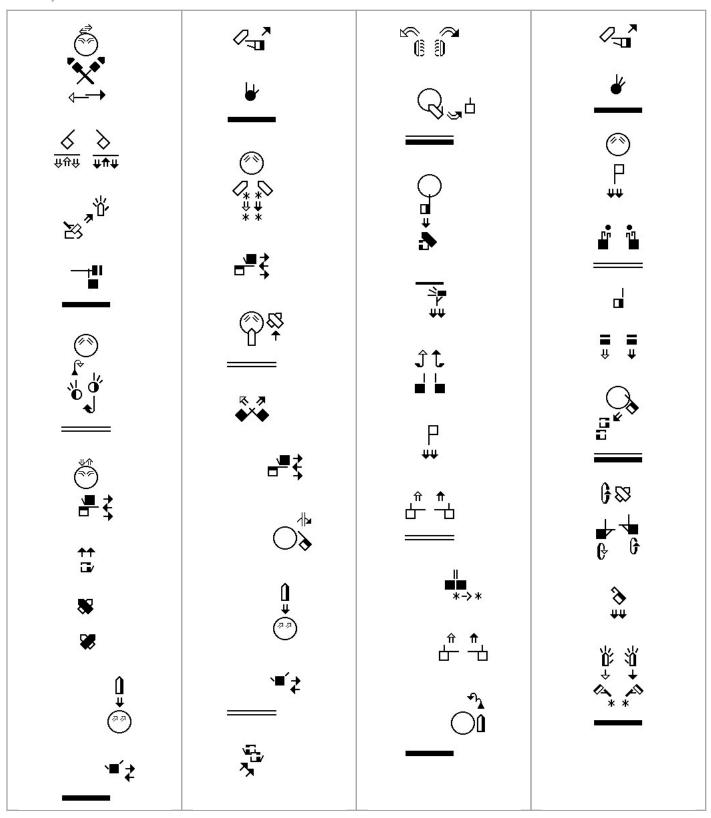


God created those foods to be eaten with thanks by faithful people who know the truth. Verse 4. Since everything God created is good, we should not reject any of it but receive it with thanks. Verse 5. For we know it is made acceptable by the word of God and prayer.

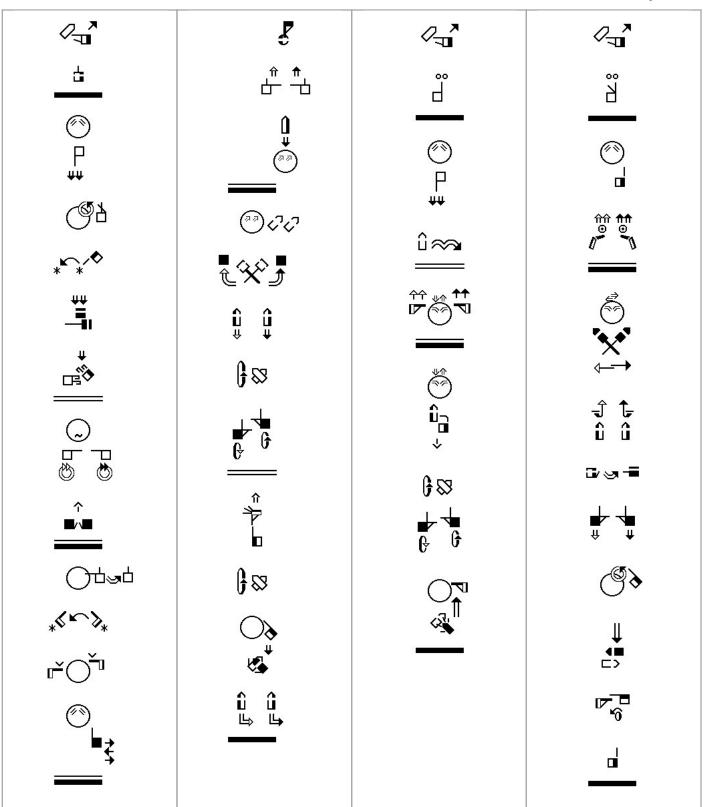
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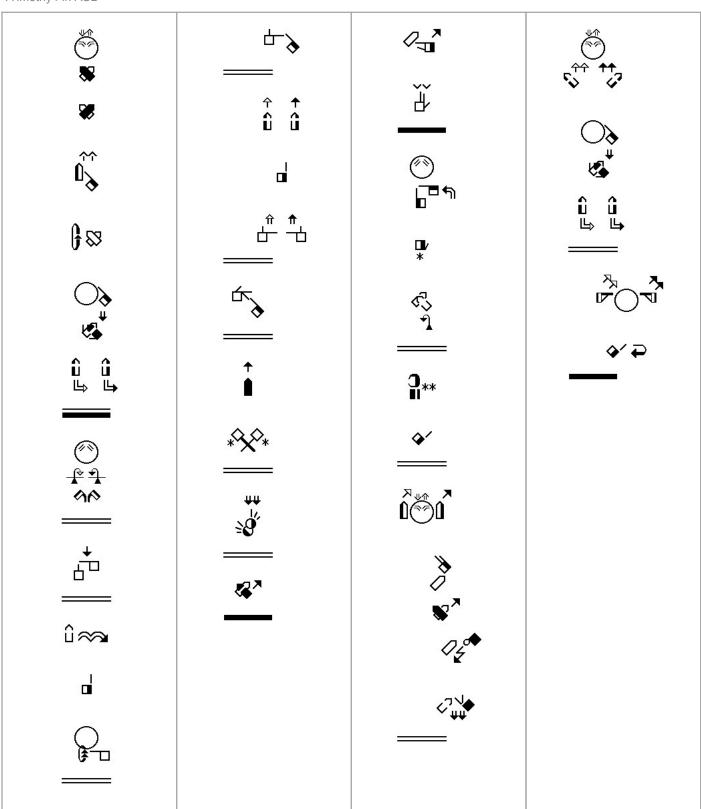
Verse 6. If you explain these things to the brothers and sisters, Timothy, you will be a worthy servant of Christ Jesus, one who is nourished by the message of faith and the good teaching you have followed. Verse 7. Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales.



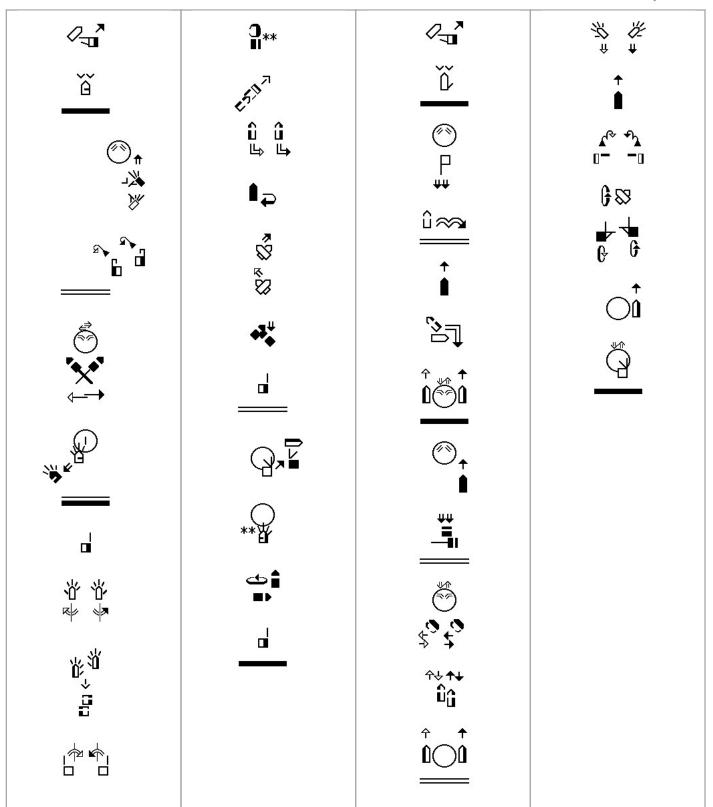
Instead, train yourself to be godly. Verse 8. Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come. Verse 9. This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it.



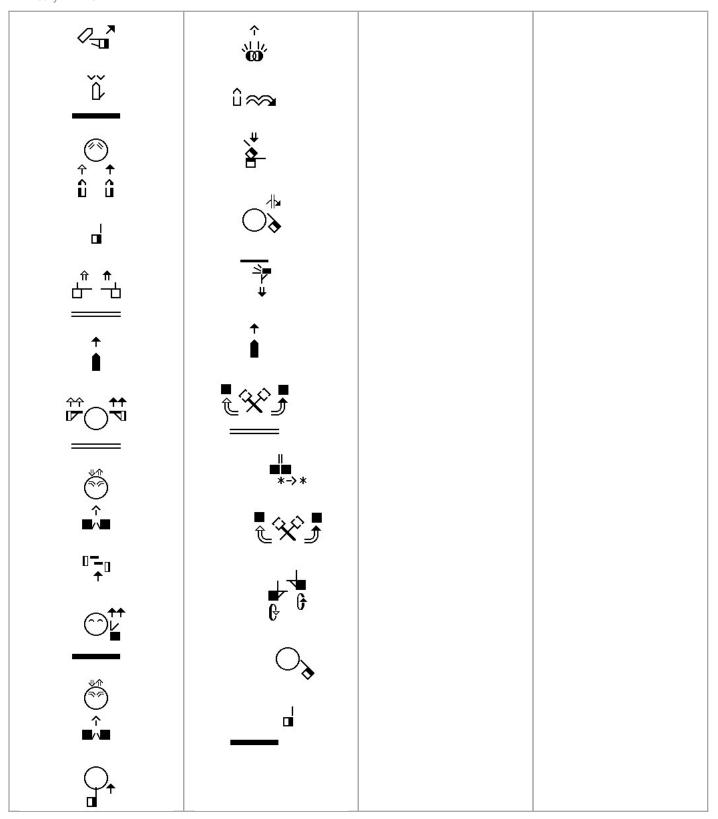
Verse 10. This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers. Verse 11. Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them. Verse 12. Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young.



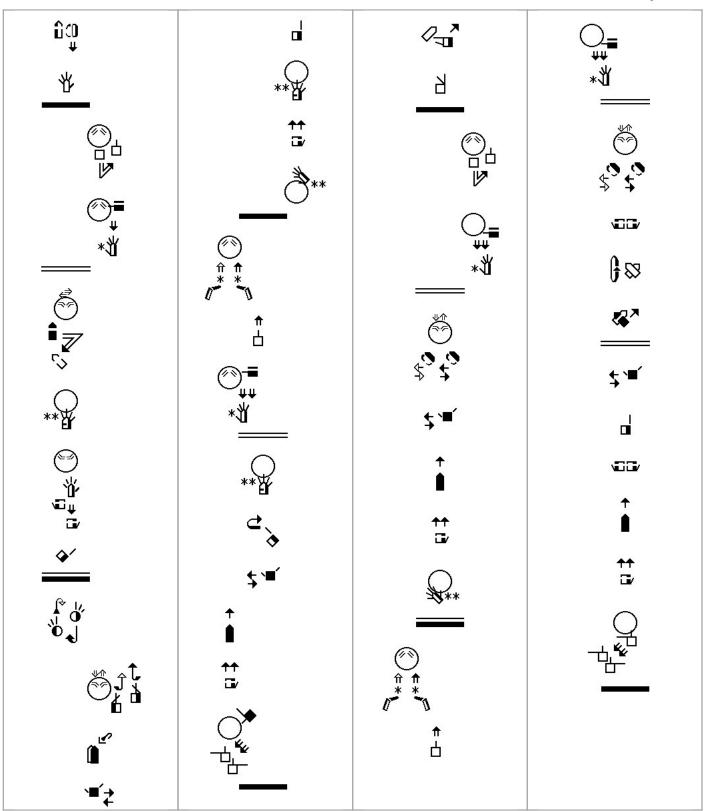
Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. Verse 13. Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.



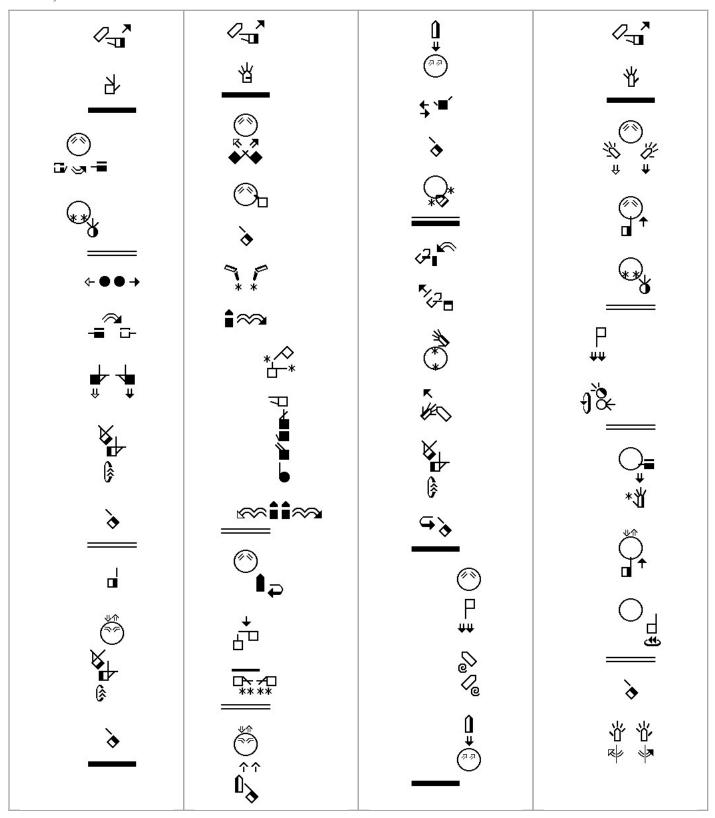
Verse 14. Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you. Verse 15. Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress.



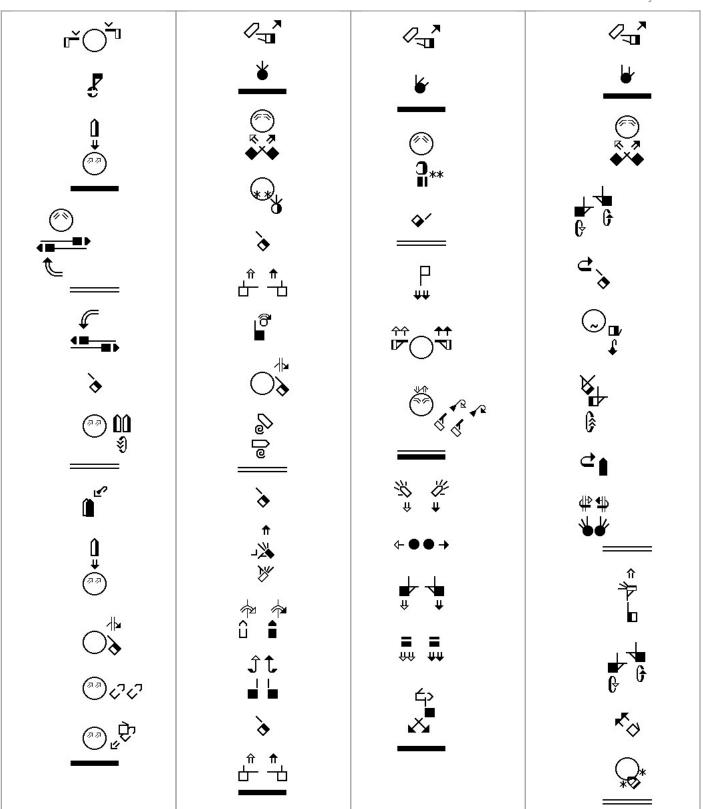
Verse 16. Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.



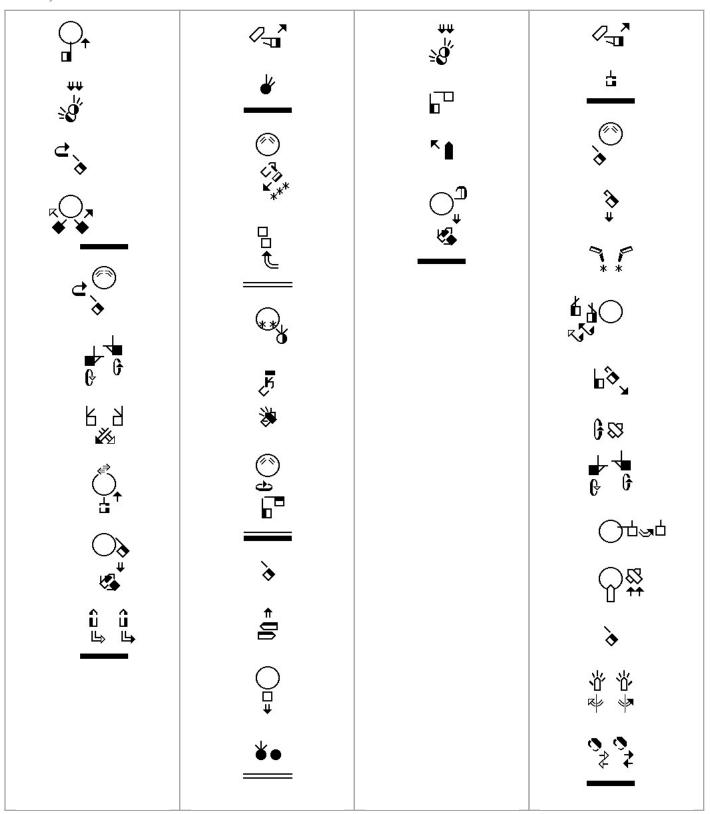
Chapter 5. Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him respectfully as you would to your own father. Talk to younger men as you would to your own brothers. Verse 2. Treat older women as you would your mother, and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters.



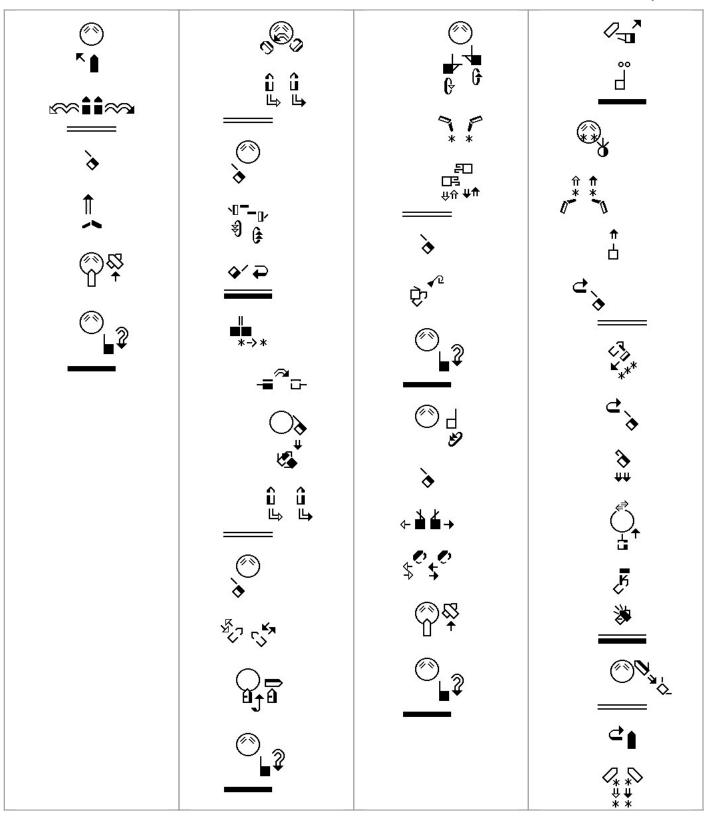
Verse 3. Take care of any widow who has no one else to care for her. Verse 4. But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God. Verse 5. Now a true widow, a woman who is truly alone in this world,



has placed her hope in God. She prays night and day, asking God for his help. Verse 6. But the widow who lives only for pleasure is spiritually dead even while she lives. Verse 7. Give these instructions to the church so that no one will be open to criticism. Verse 8. But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, NLT

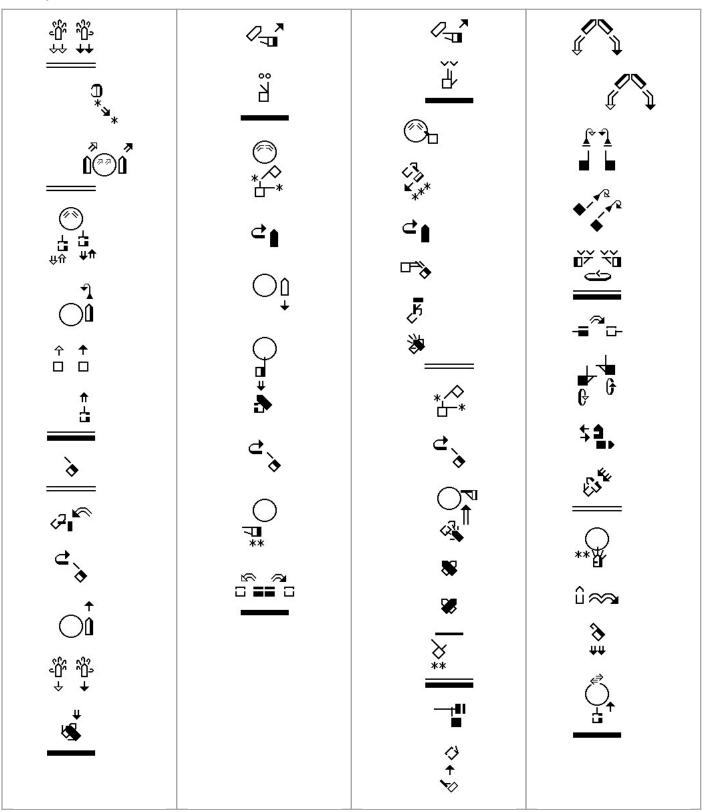


have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers. Verse 9. A widow who is put on the list for support must be a woman who is at least sixty years old and was faithful to her husband. Verse 10. She must be well respected by everyone because of the good she has done.

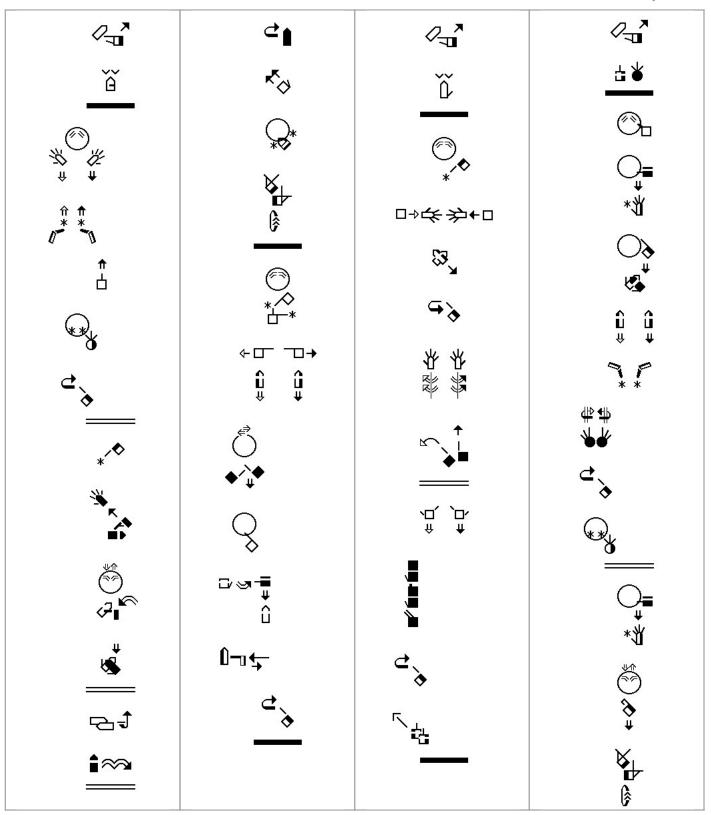


Has she brought up her children well? Has she been kind to strangers and served other believers humbly? Has she helped those who are in trouble? Has she always been ready to do good? Verse 11. The younger widows should not be on the list, because their physical

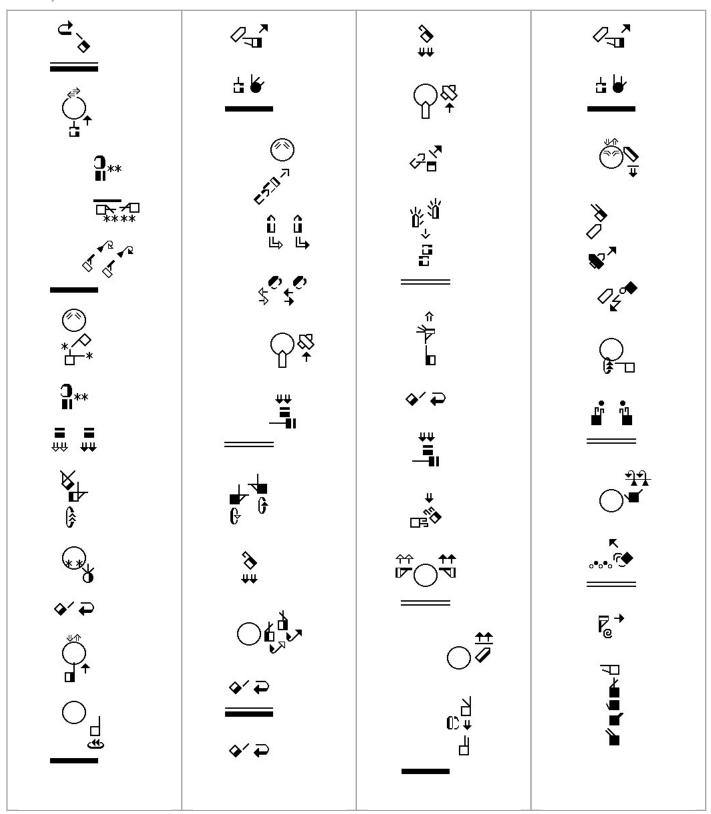
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desires will overpower their devotion to Christ and they will want to remarry. Verse 12. Then they would be guilty of breaking their previous pledge. Verse 13. And if they are on the list, they will learn to be lazy and will spend their time gossiping from house to house, meddling in other people's business and talking about things they shouldn't.



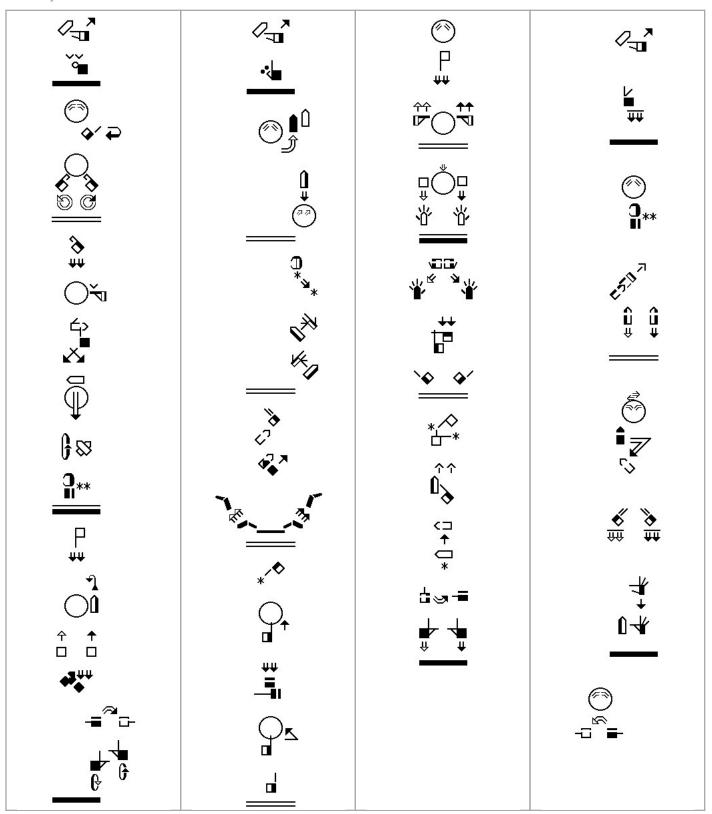
Verse 14. So I advise these younger widows to marry again, have children, and take care of their own homes. Then the enemy will not be able to say anything against them. Verse 15. For I am afraid that some of them have already gone astray and now follow Satan. Verse 16. If a woman who is a believer has relatives who are widows, she must take care NLT



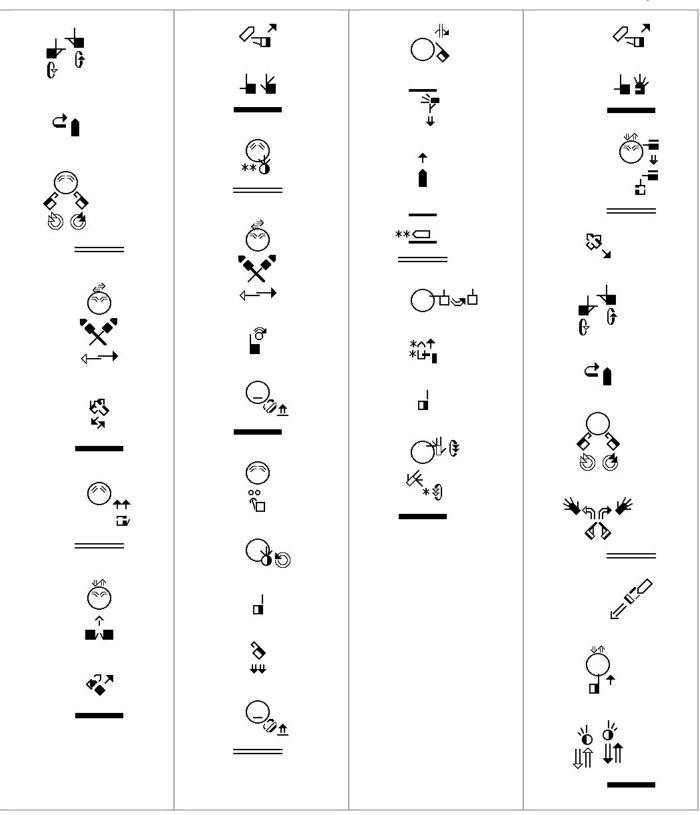
of them and not put the responsibility on the church. Then the church can care for the widows who are truly alone. Verse 17. Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching. Verse 18. For the Scripture says,

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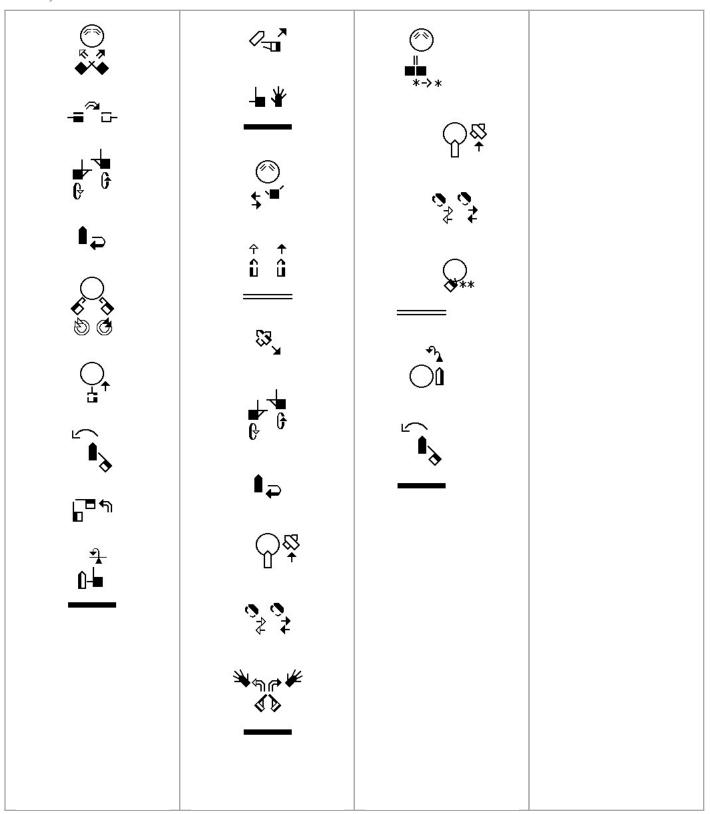
<sup>&</sup>quot;You must not muzzle an ox to keep it from eating as it treads out the grain." And in another place, "Those who work deserve their pay!" Verse 19. Do not listen to an accusation against an elder unless it is confirmed by two or three witnesses.

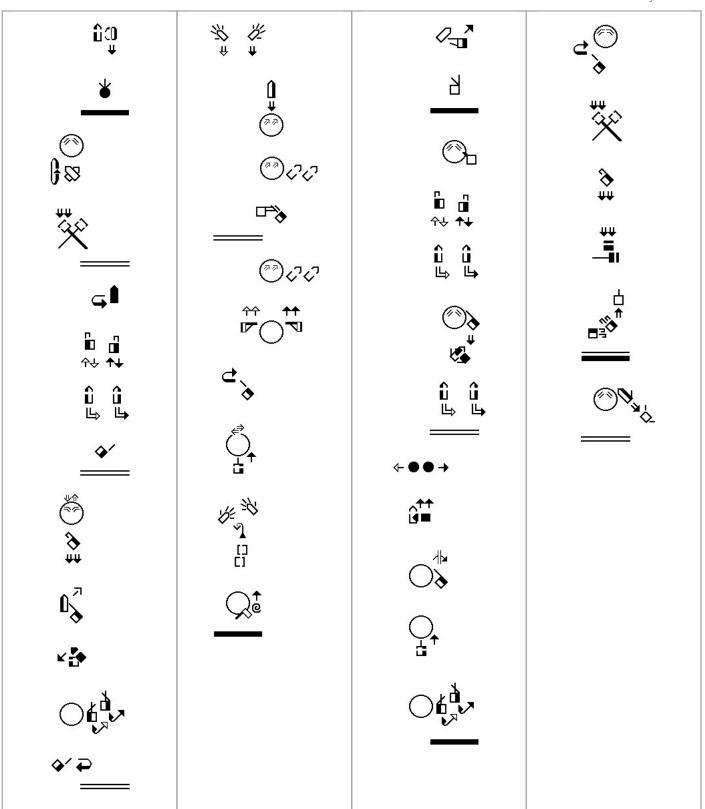


Verse 20. Those who sin should be reprimanded in front of the whole church; this will serve as a strong warning to others. Verse 21. I solemnly command you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus and the holy angels to obey these instructions without taking sides or showing favoritism to anyone. Verse 22. Never be in a hurry about appointing a church leader. NLT

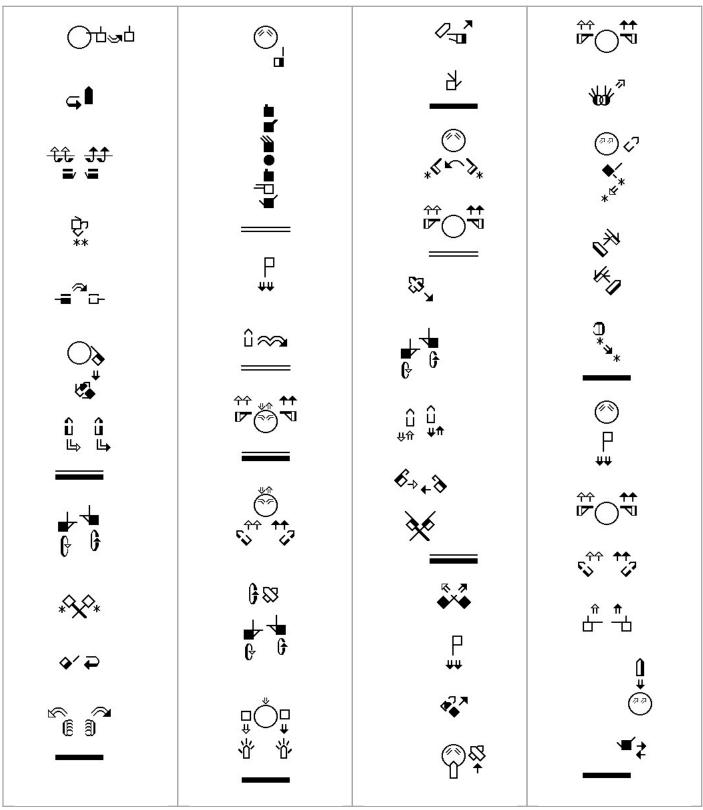


Do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. Verse 23. Don't drink only water. You ought to drink a little wine for the sake of your stomach because you are sick so often. Verse 24. Remember, the sins of some people are obvious, leading them to certain judgment.



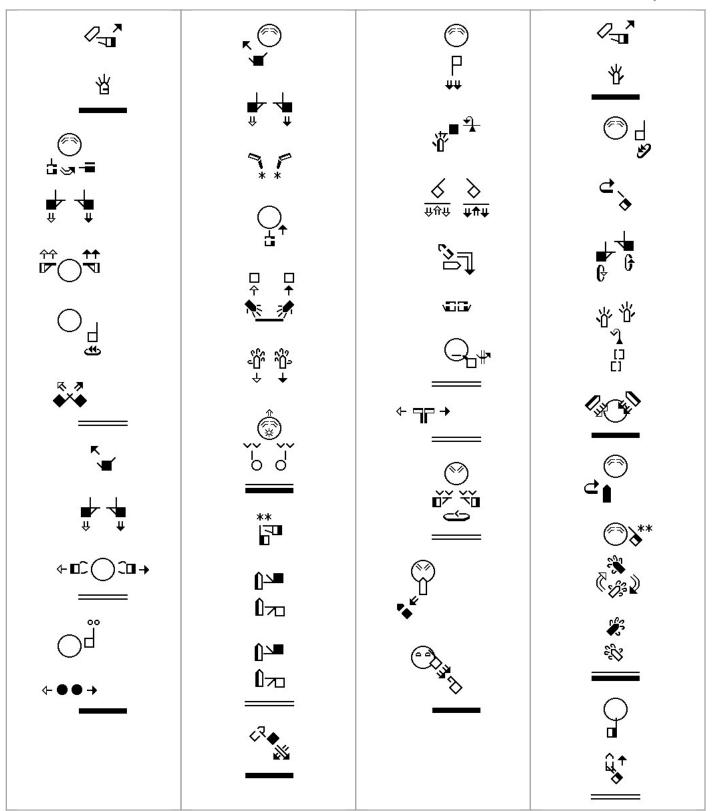


Chapter 6. All slaves should show full respect for their masters so they will not bring shame on the name of God and his teaching. Verse 2. If the masters are believers, that is no excuse for being disrespectful. Those slaves should work all the harder NLT



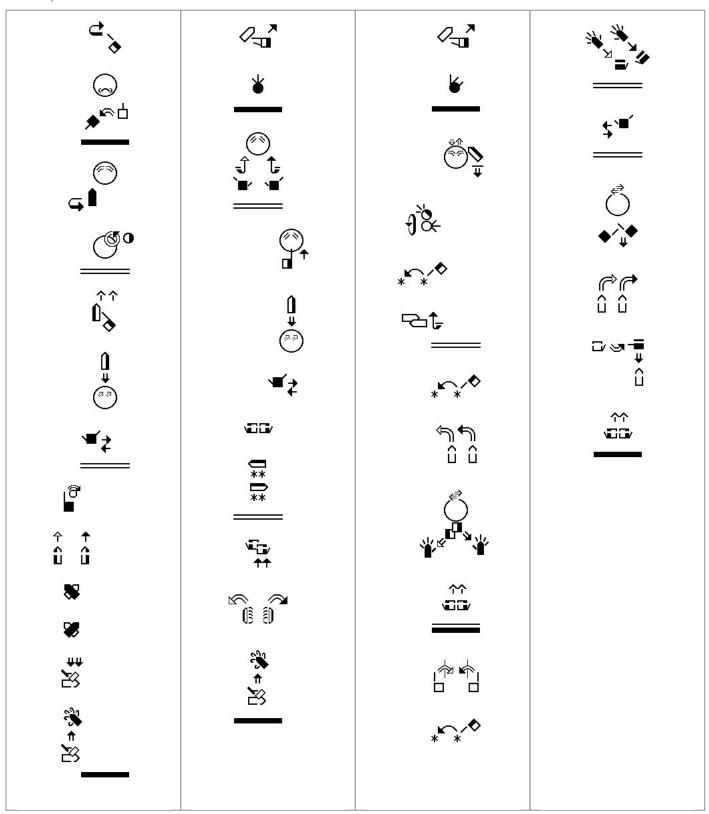
because their efforts are helping other believers who are well loved. Teach these things, Timothy, and encourage everyone to obey them. Verse 3. Some people may contradict our teaching, but these are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life.

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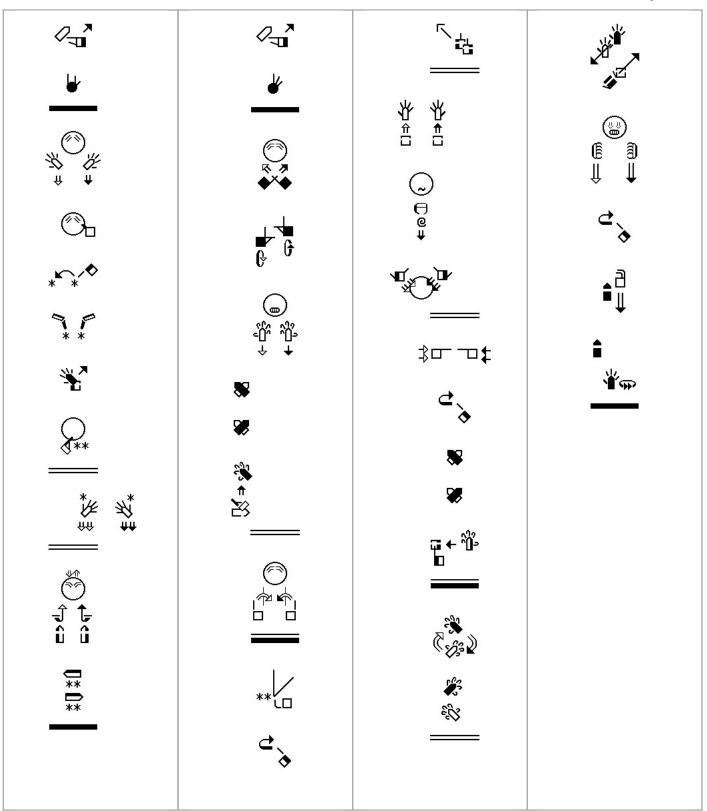
Verse 4. Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions. Verse 5. These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt,

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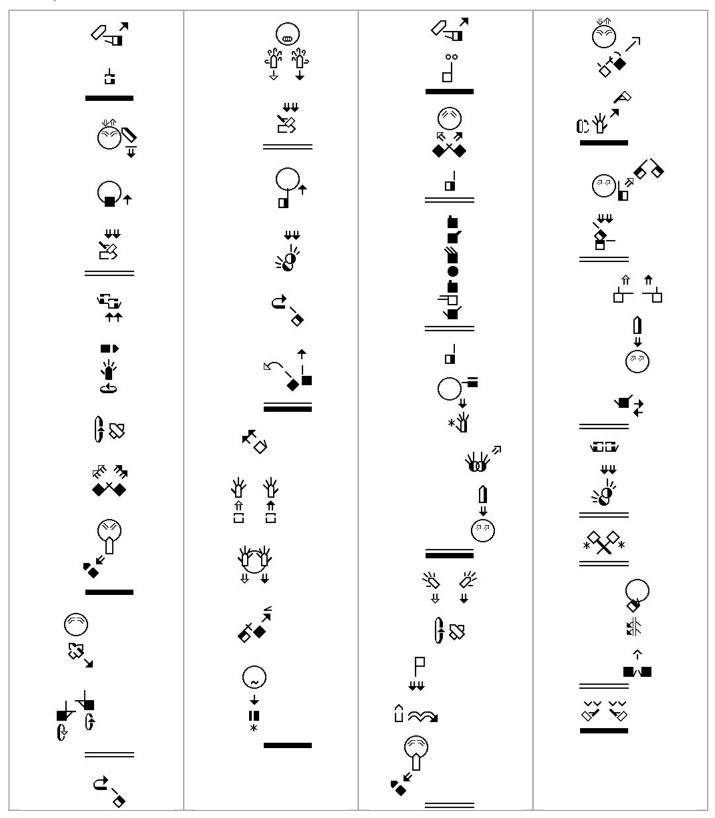


and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy. Verse 7. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it.

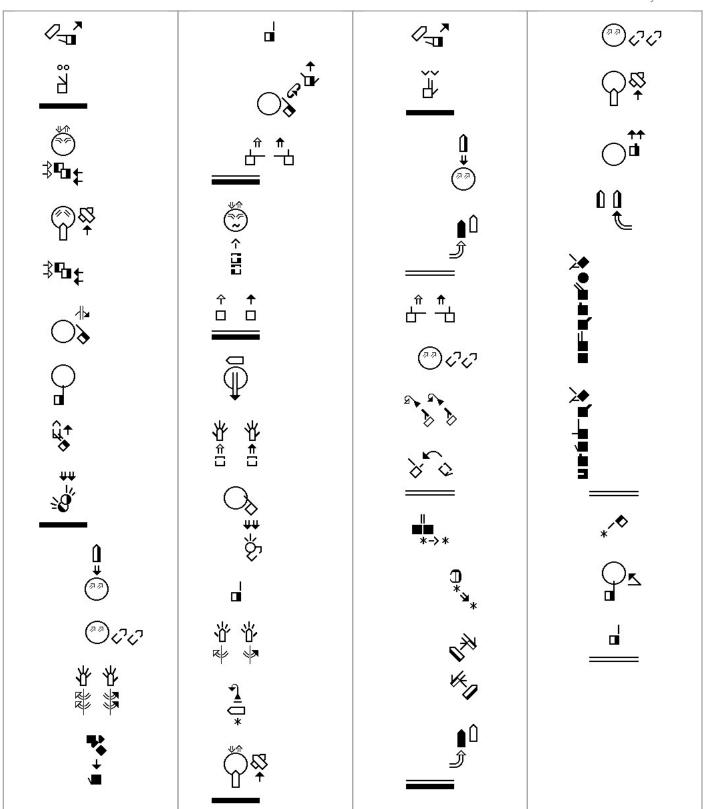
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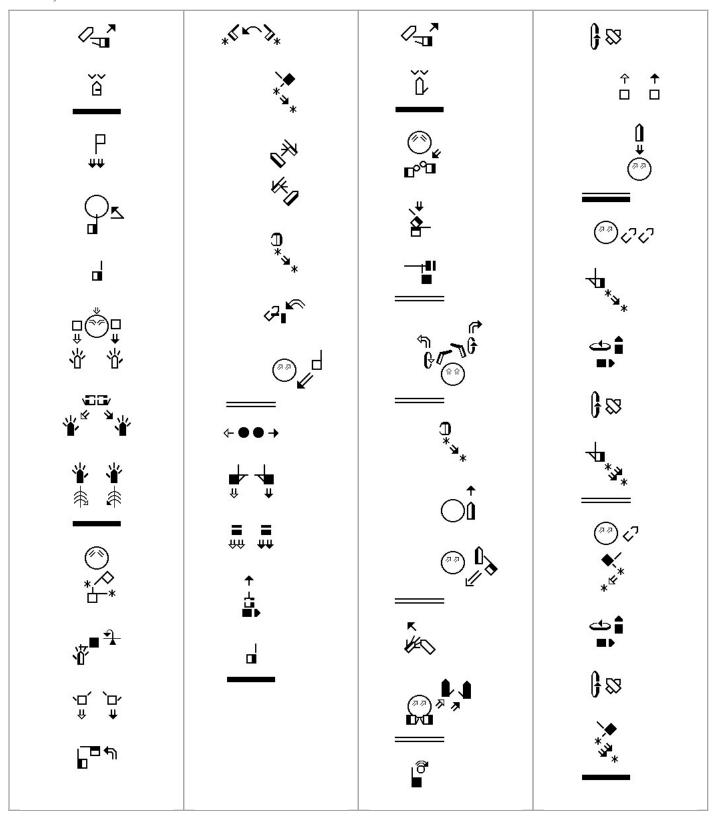
Verse 8. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. Verse 9. But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.



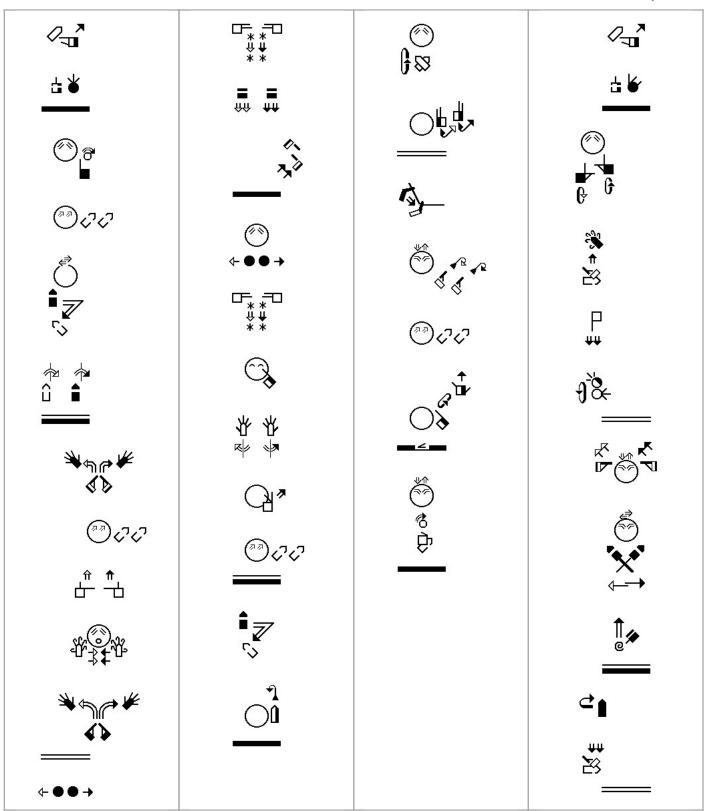
Verse 10. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. Verse 11. But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. NLT



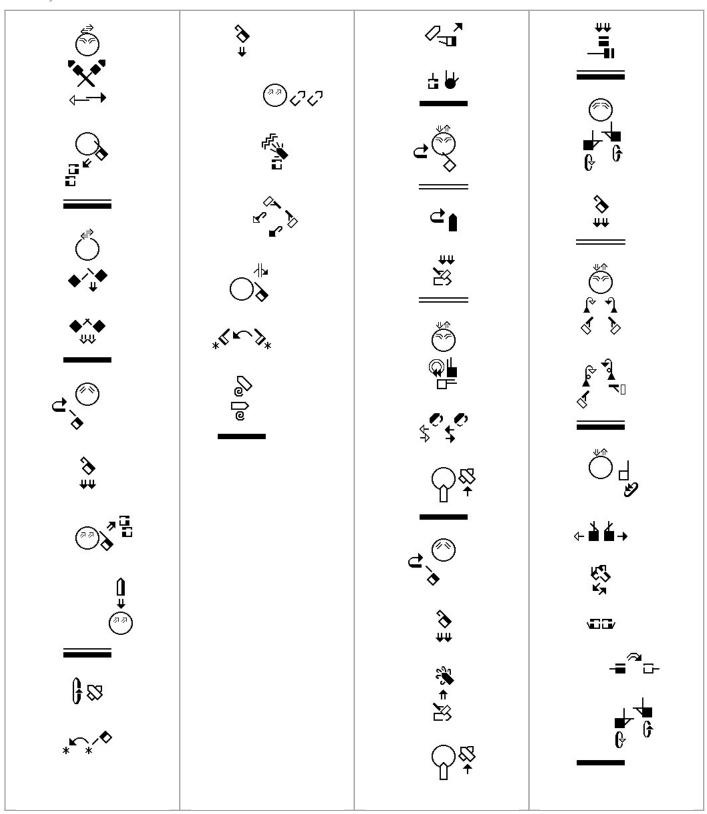
Verse 12. Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses. Verse 13. And I charge you before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony before Pontius Pilate,



Verse 14. that you obey this command without wavering. Then no one can find fault with you from now until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. Verse 15. For at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

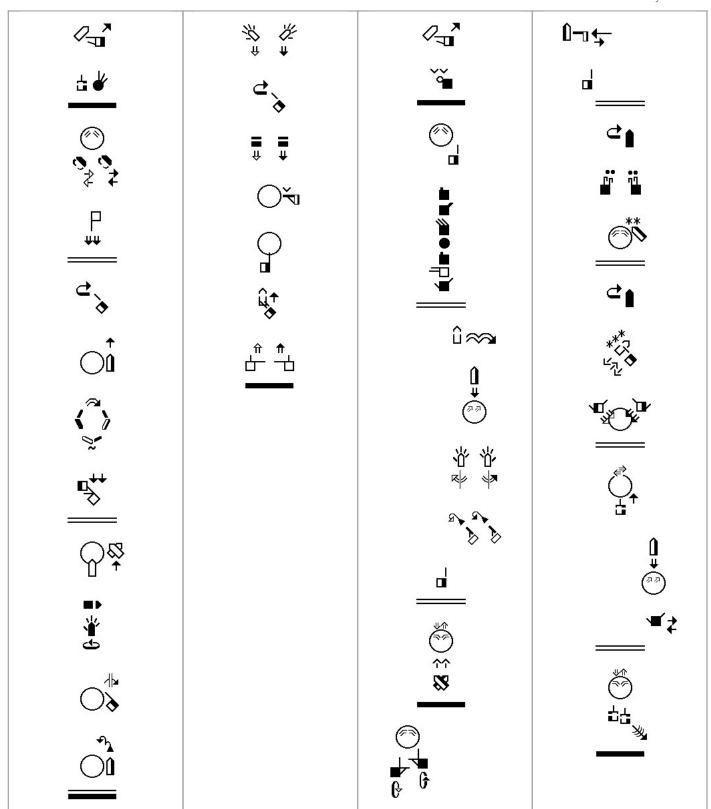


Verse 16. He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen. Verse 17. Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and NLT

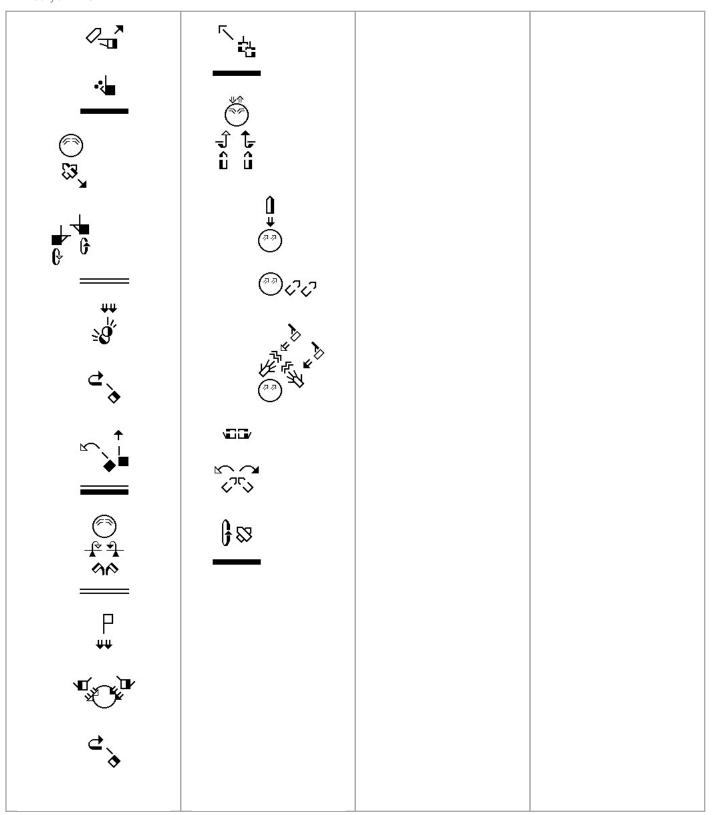


not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Verse 18. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.

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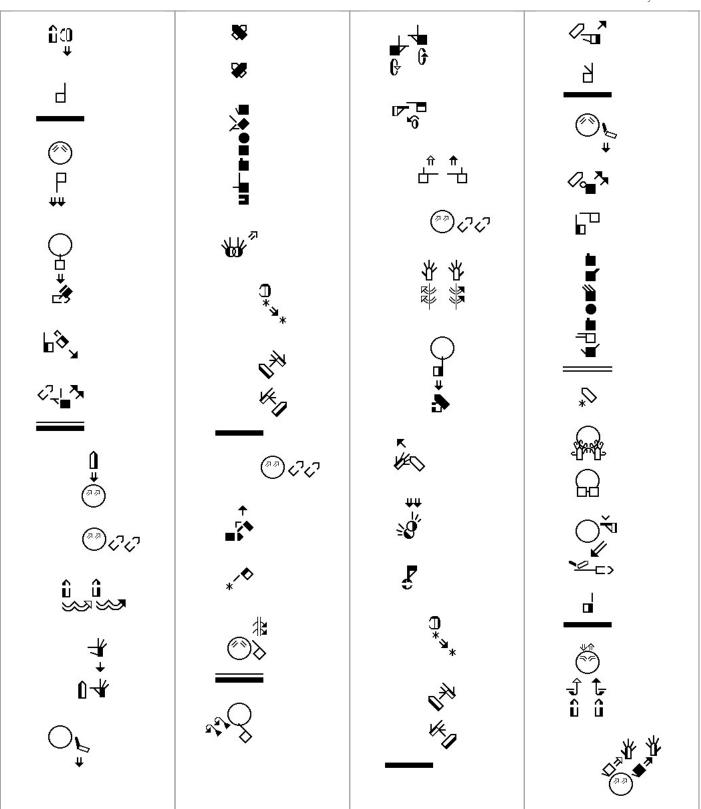


Verse 19. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. Verse 20. Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge.

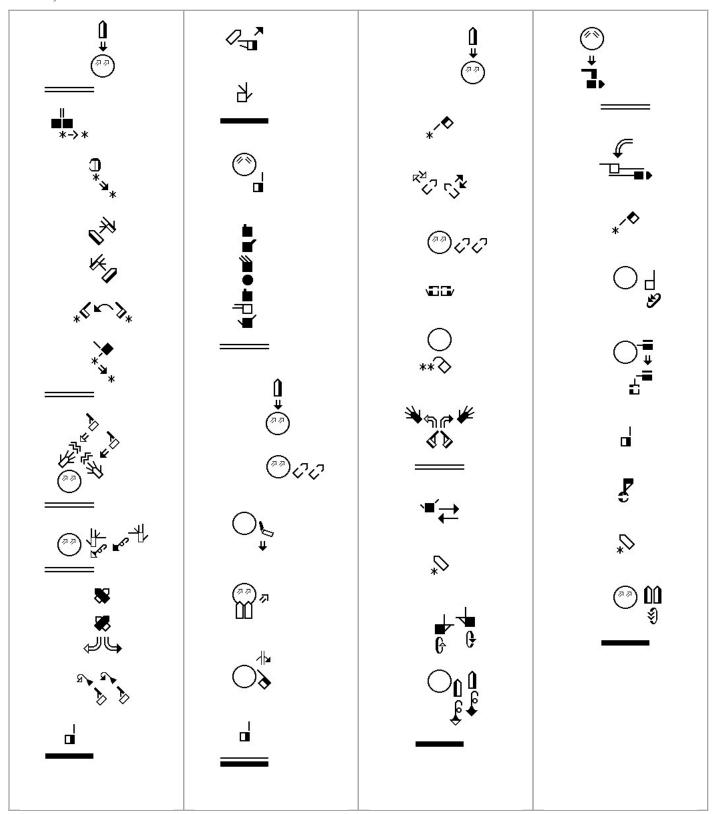


Verse 21. Some people have wandered from the faith by following such foolishness. May God's grace be with you all.

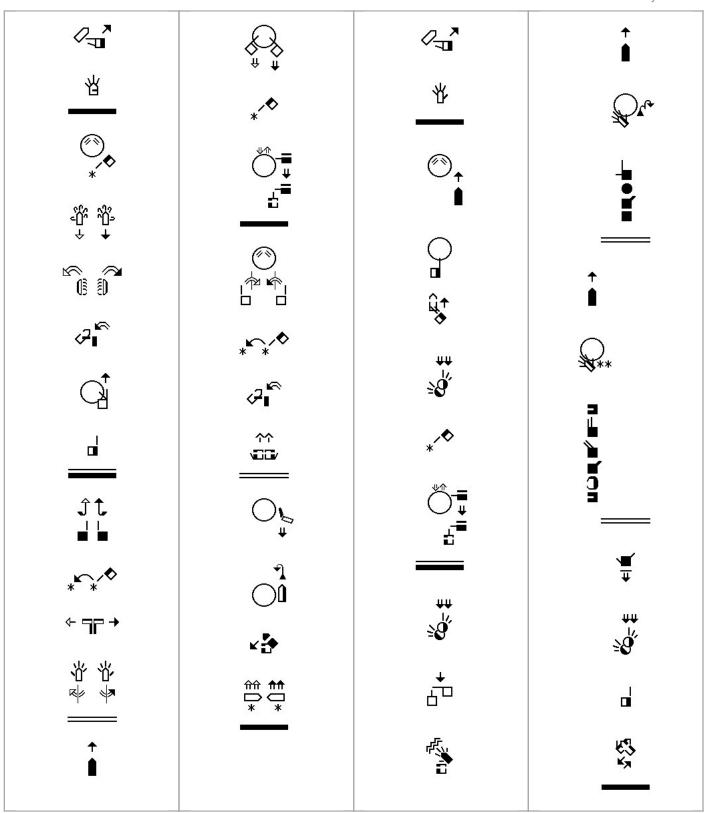
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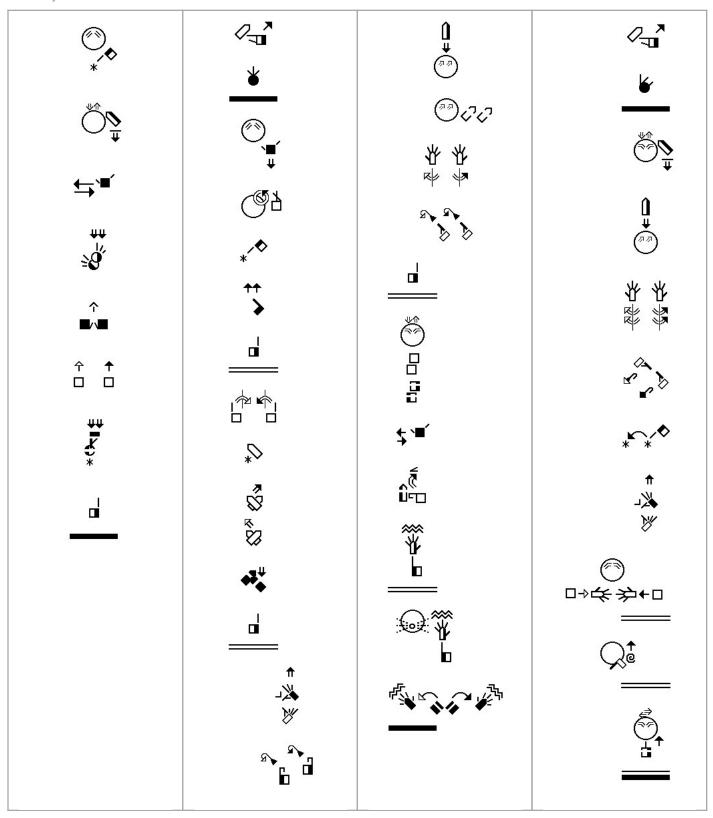
Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus. Verse 2. I am writing to Timothy, my dear son. May



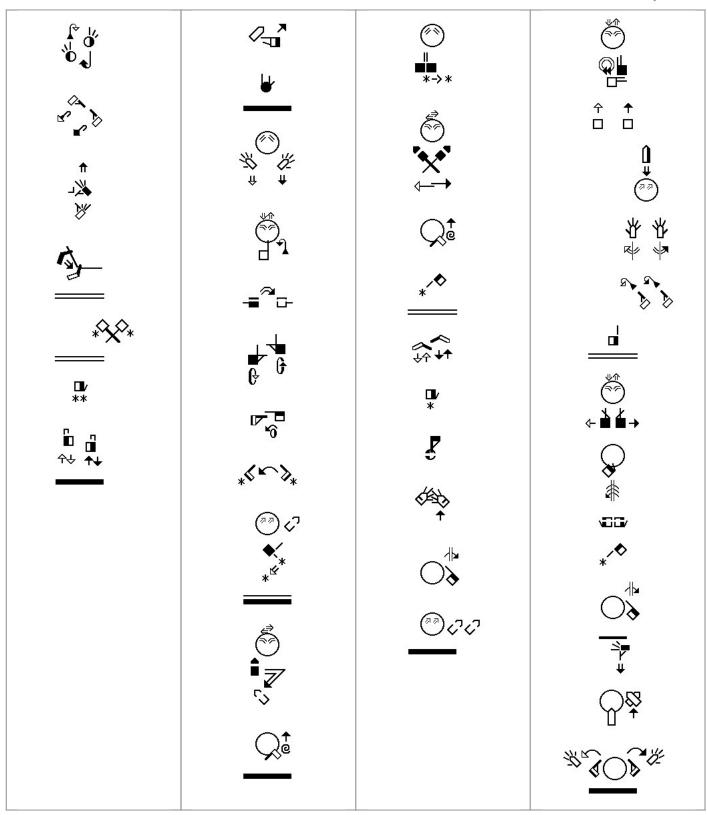
God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace. Verse 3. Timothy, I thank God for you -- the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.



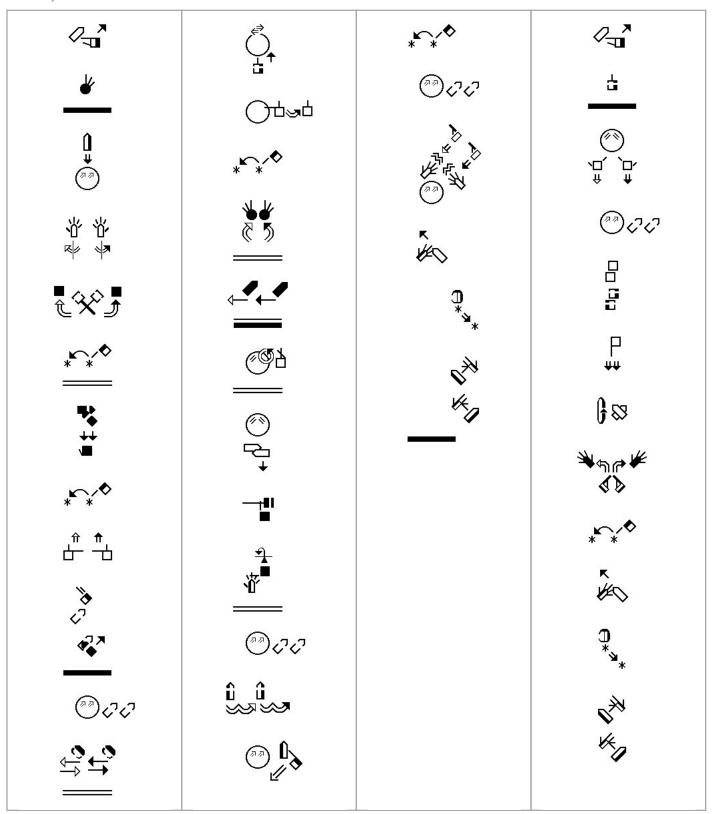
Verse 4. I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again. Verse 5. I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. NLT



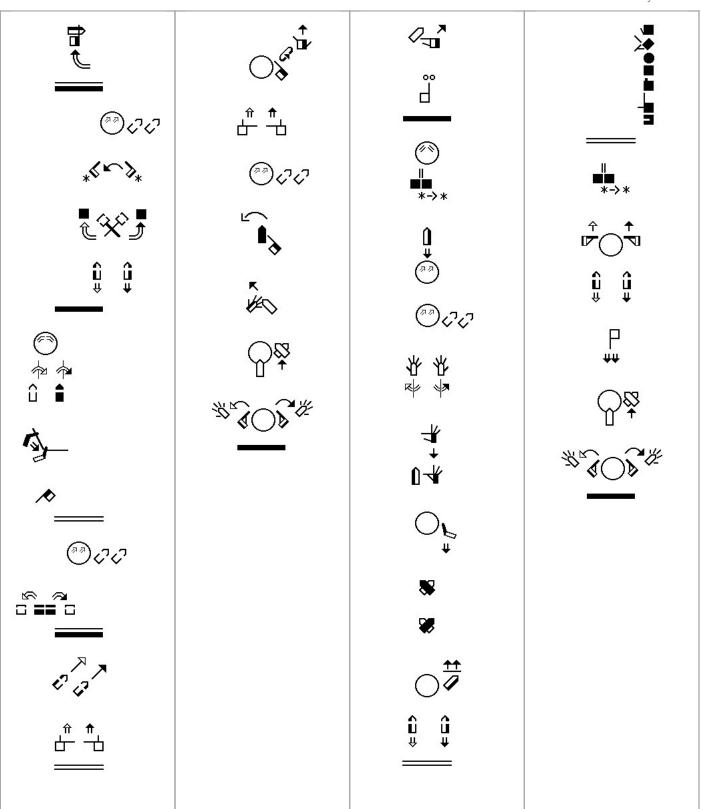
And I know that same faith continues strong in you. Verse 6. This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. Verse 7. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity,



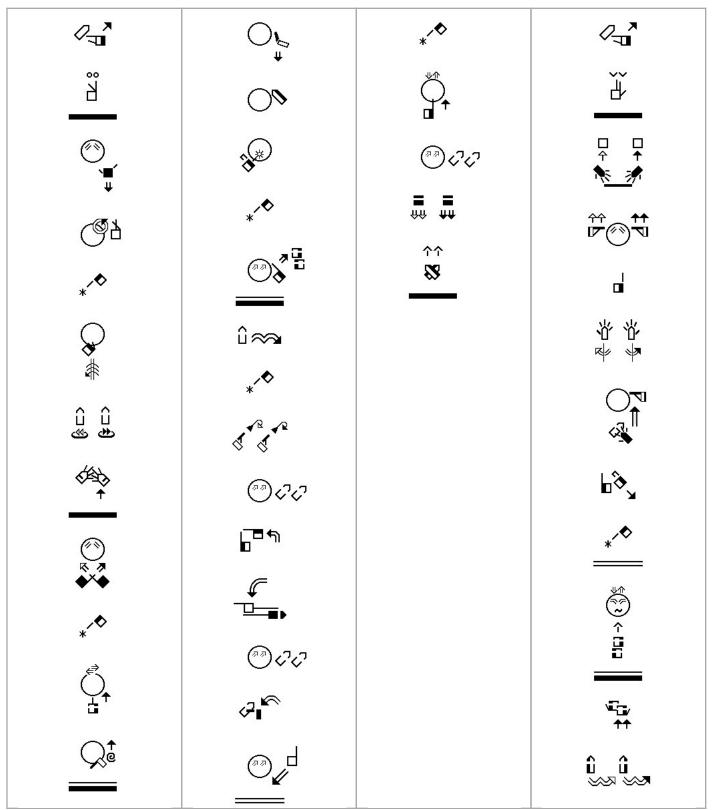
but of power, love, and self-discipline. Verse 8. So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News.



Verse 9. For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time -- to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. Verse 10. And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus,

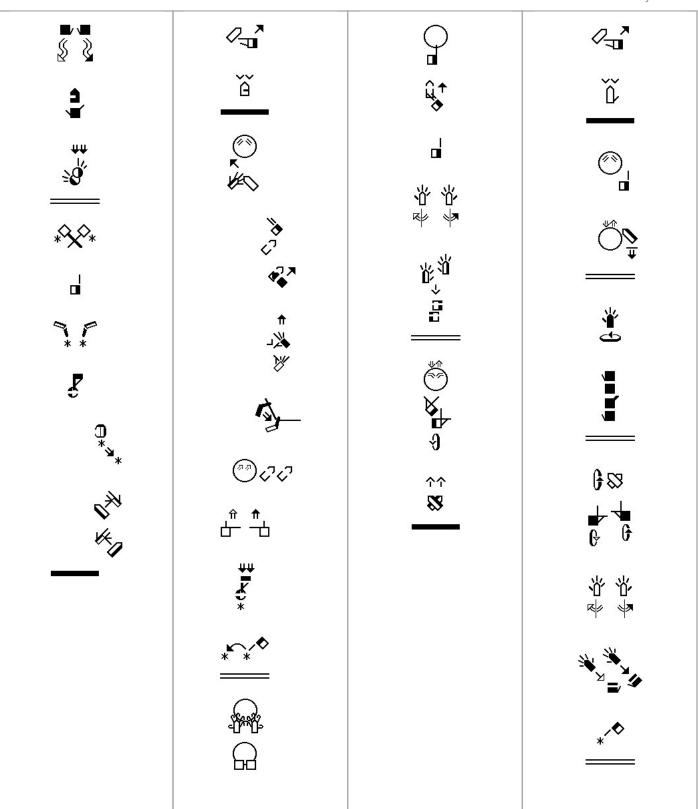


our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. Verse 11. And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News.

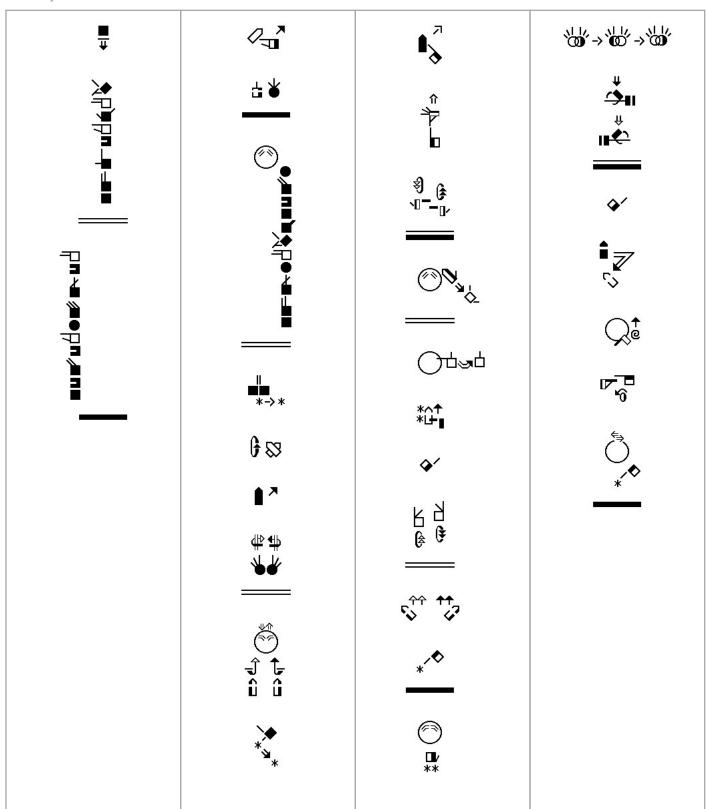


Verse 12. That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return. Verse 13. Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me -- a pattern

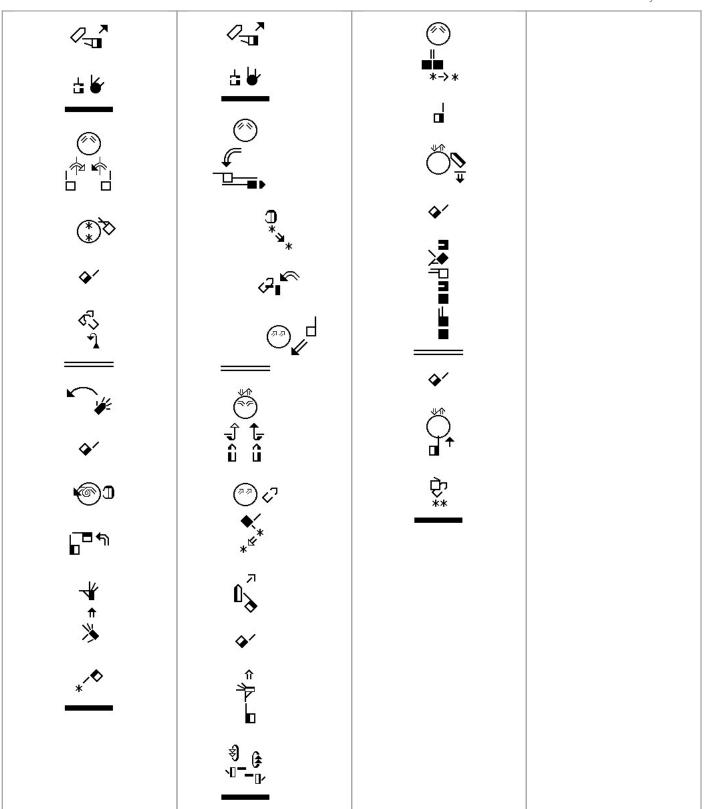
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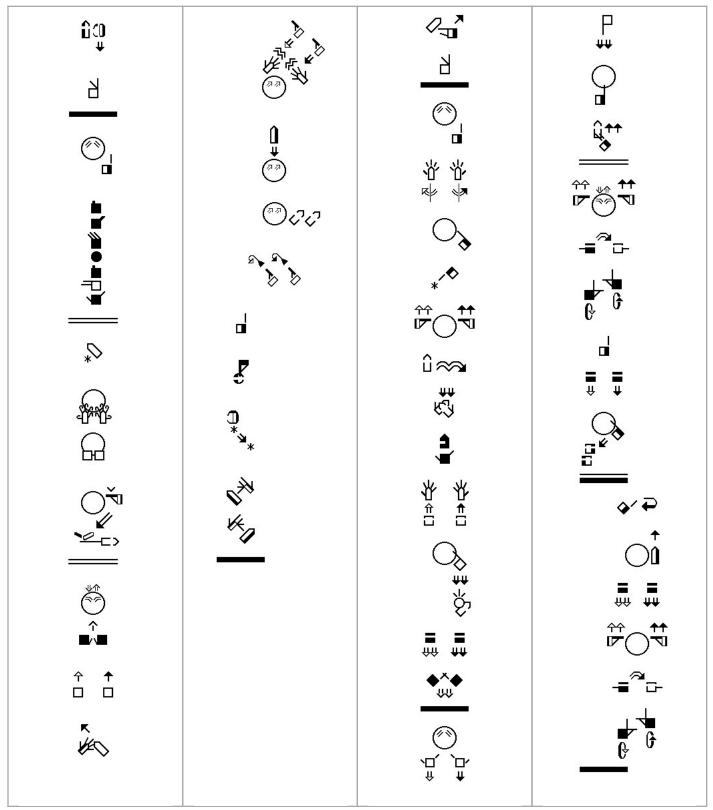
shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. Verse 14. Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you. Verse 15. As you know everyone from the province of Asia has deserted me -- NLT



even Phygelus and Hermogenes. Verse 16. May the Lord show special kindness to Onesiphorus and all his family because he often visited and encouraged me. He was never ashamed of me because I was in chains.

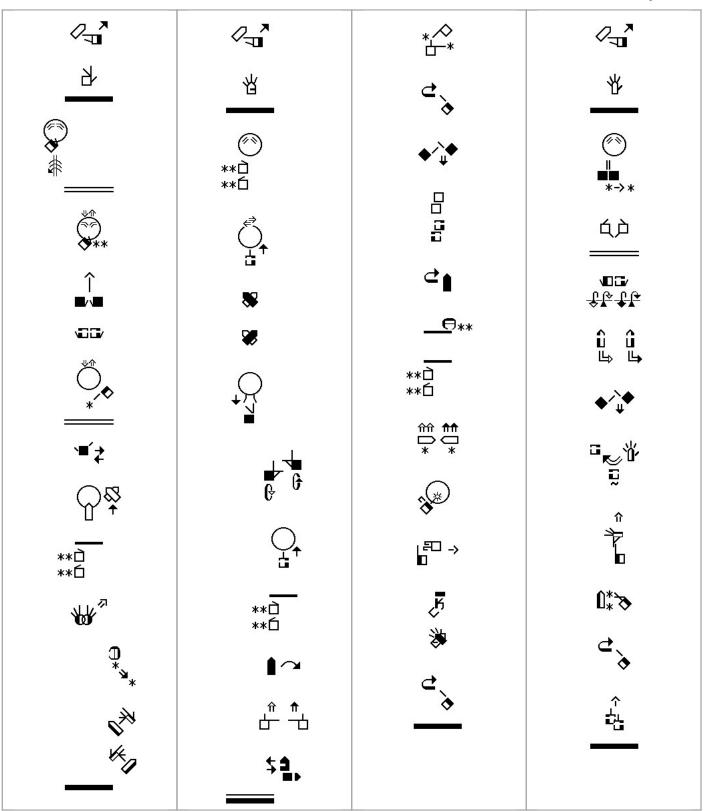


Verse 17. When he came to Rome, he searched everywhere until he found me. Verse 18. May the Lord show him special kindness on the day of Christ's return. And you know very well how helpful he was in Ephesus.

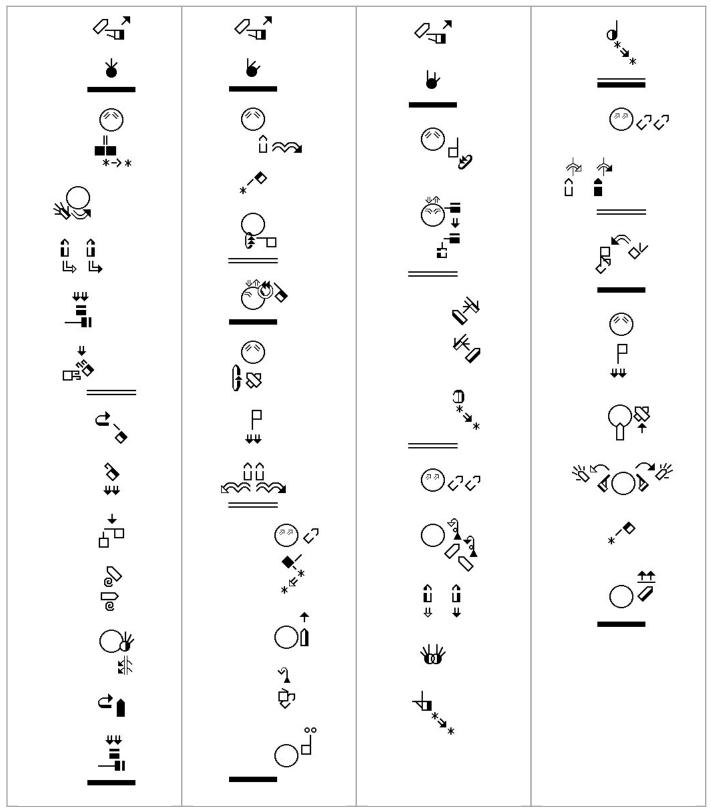


Chapter 2. Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. Verse 2. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

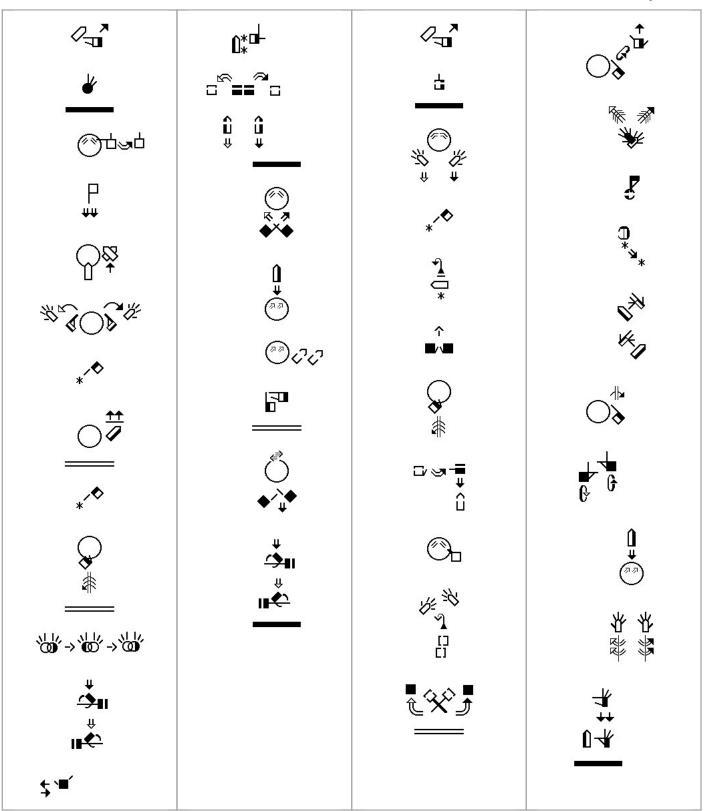
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Verse 3. Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Verse 4. Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. Verse 5. And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules.

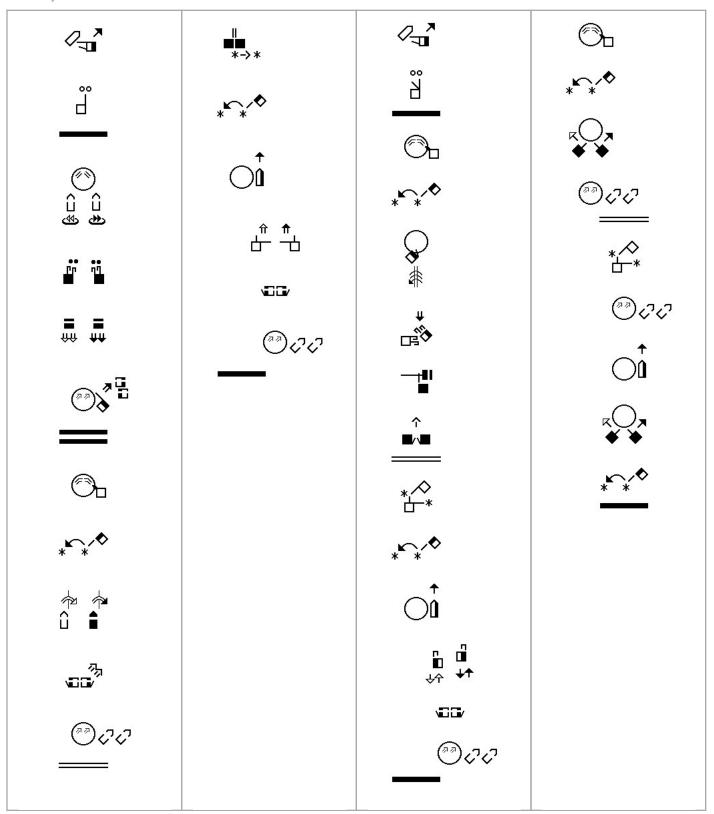


Verse 6. And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. Verse 7. Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things. Verse 8. Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach.

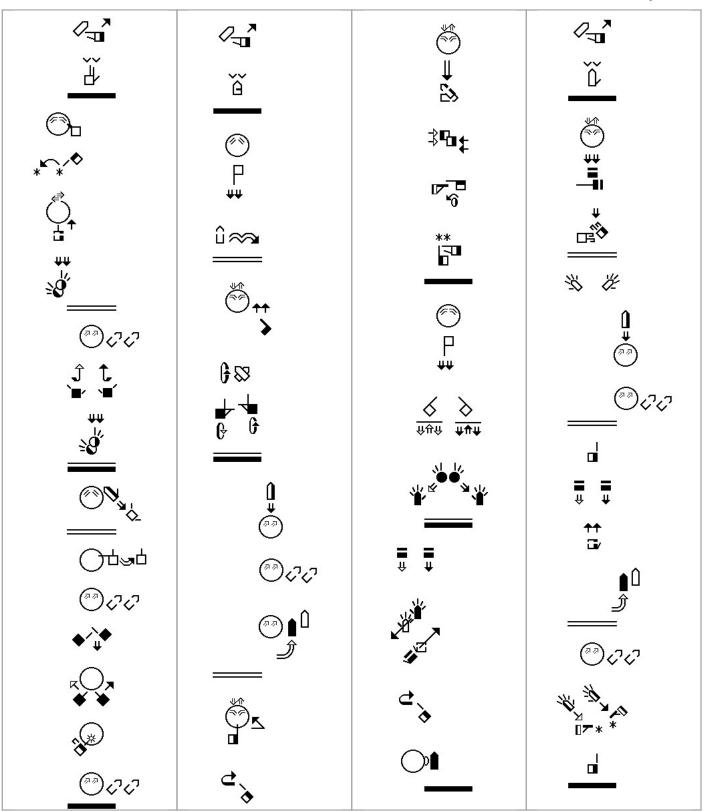


Verse 9. And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained. Verse 10. So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.

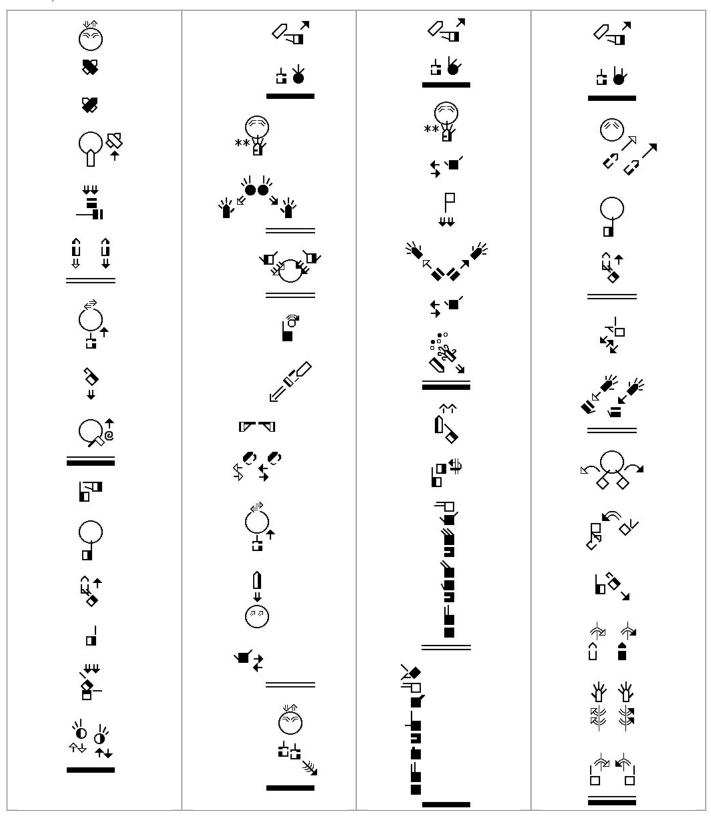
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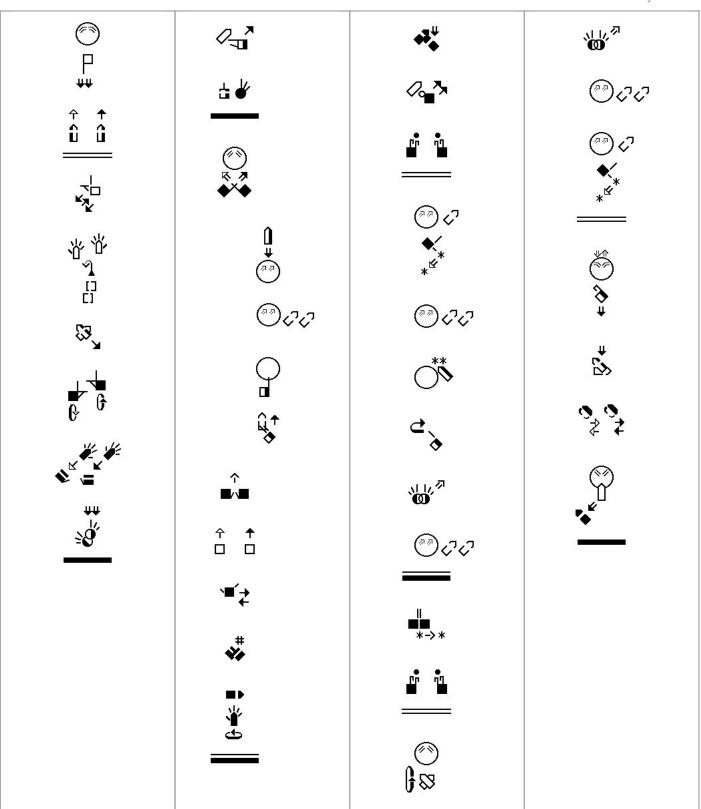
Verse 11. This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him. Verse 12. If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. NLT

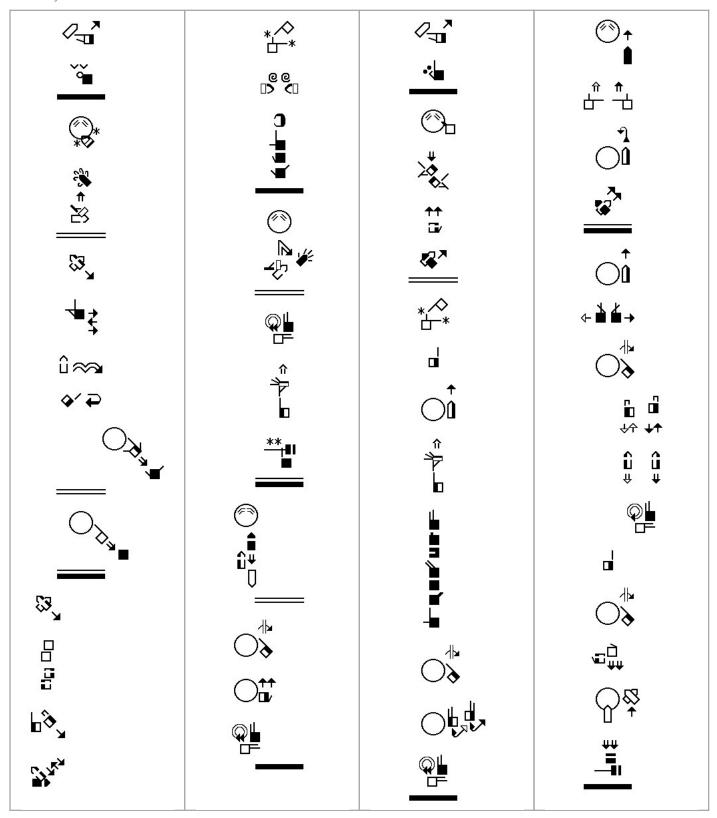


Verse 13. If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is. Verse 14. Remind everyone about these things, and command them in God's presence to stop fighting over words. Such arguments are useless, and they can ruin those who hear them. Verse 15. Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval.

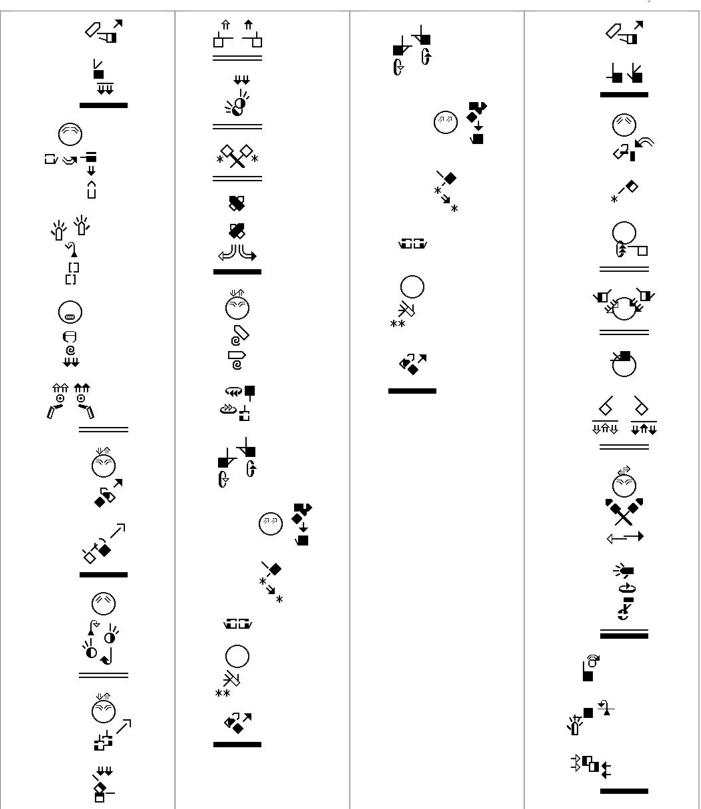


Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. Verse 16. Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior. Verse 17. This kind of talk spreads like cancer, as in the case of Hymenaeus and Philetus. Verse 18. They have left the path of truth, claiming that the resurrection of the dead has already occurred; NLT

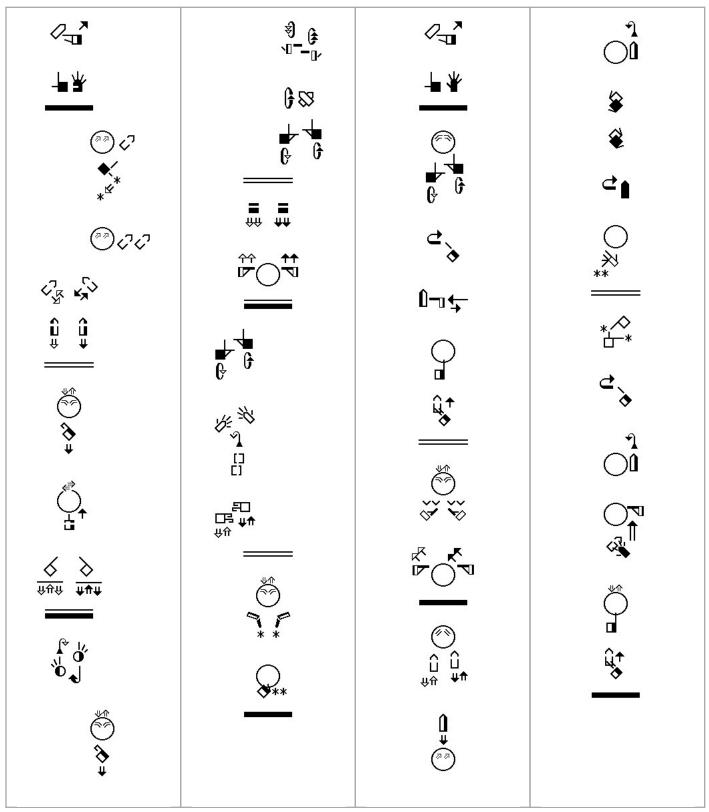




Verse 20. In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. Verse 21. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. NLT

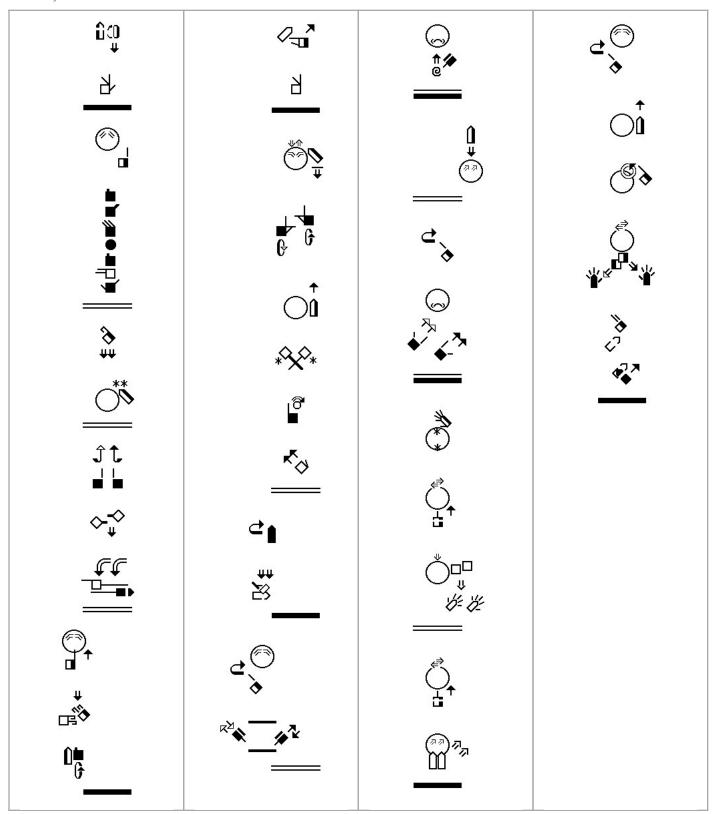


Verse 22. Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. Verse 23. Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights.

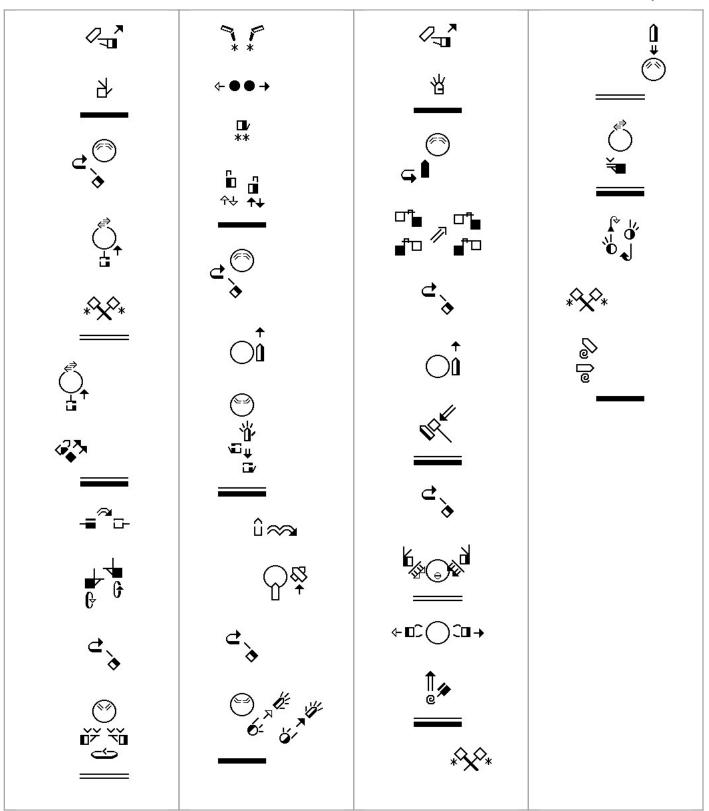


Verse 24. A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. Verse 25. Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. NLT

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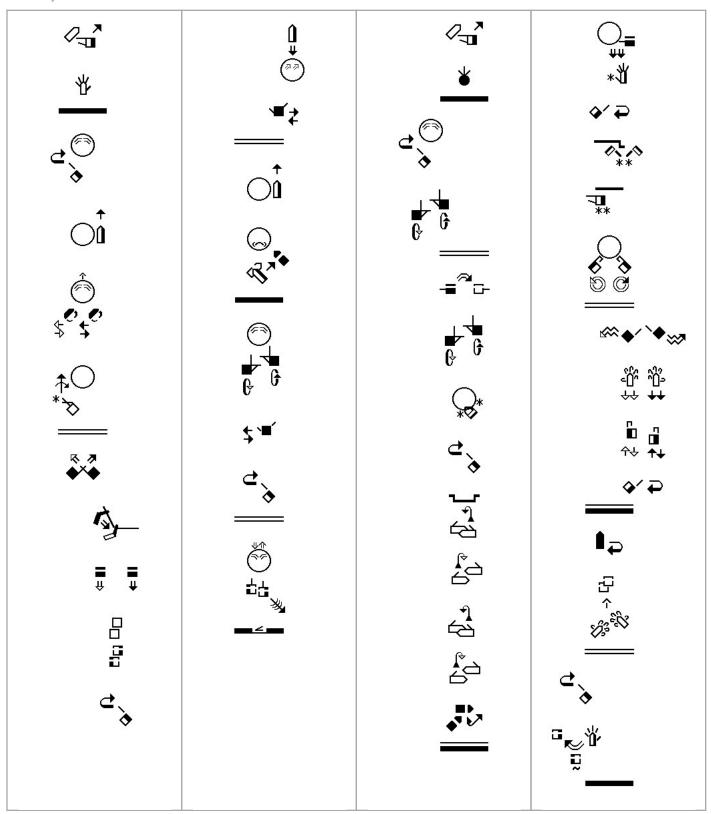


Chapter 3. You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. Verse 2. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.



Verse 3. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. Verse 4. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.

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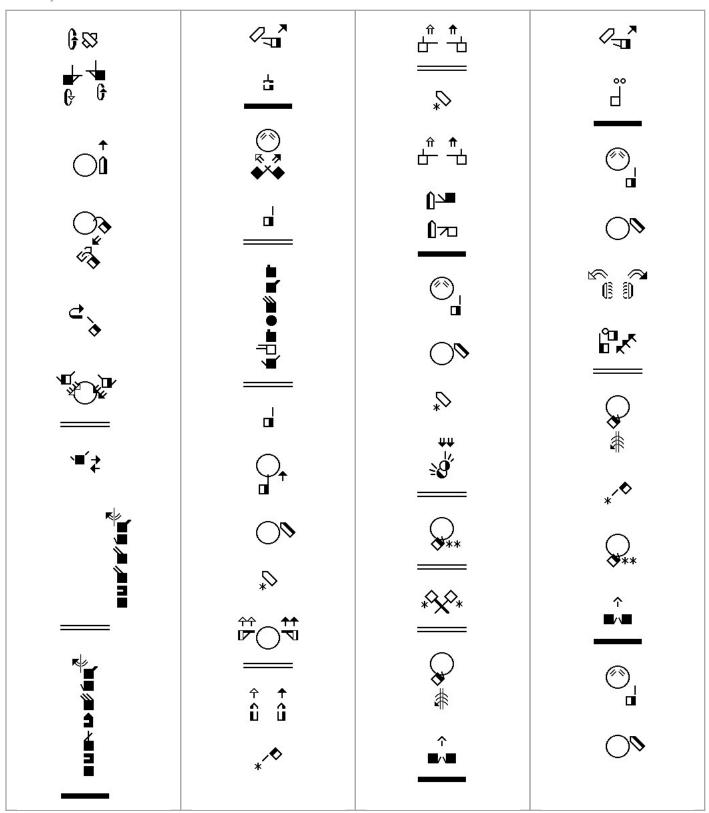


Verse 5. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that! Verse 6. They are the kind who work their way into people's homes and win the confidence of vulnerable women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by various desires.

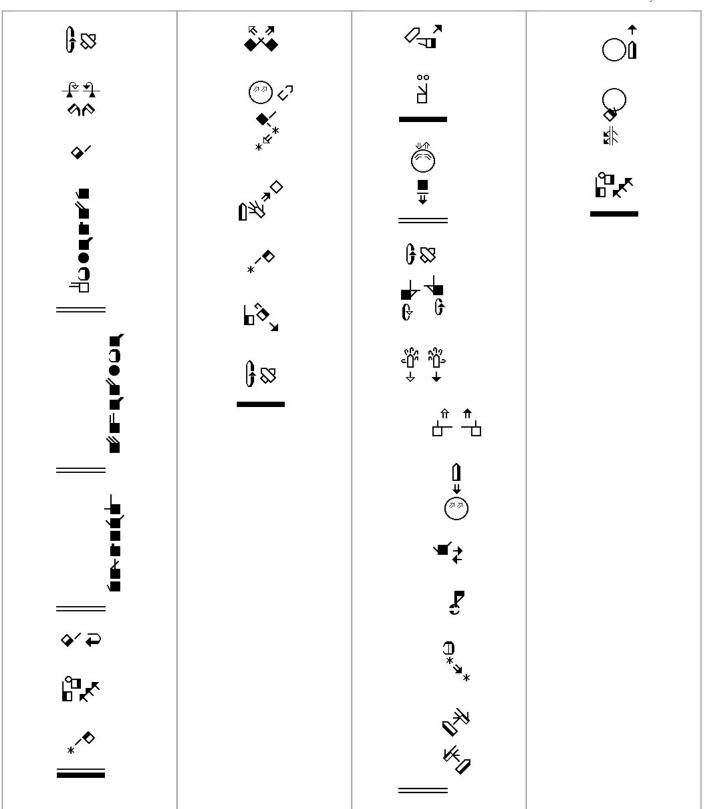
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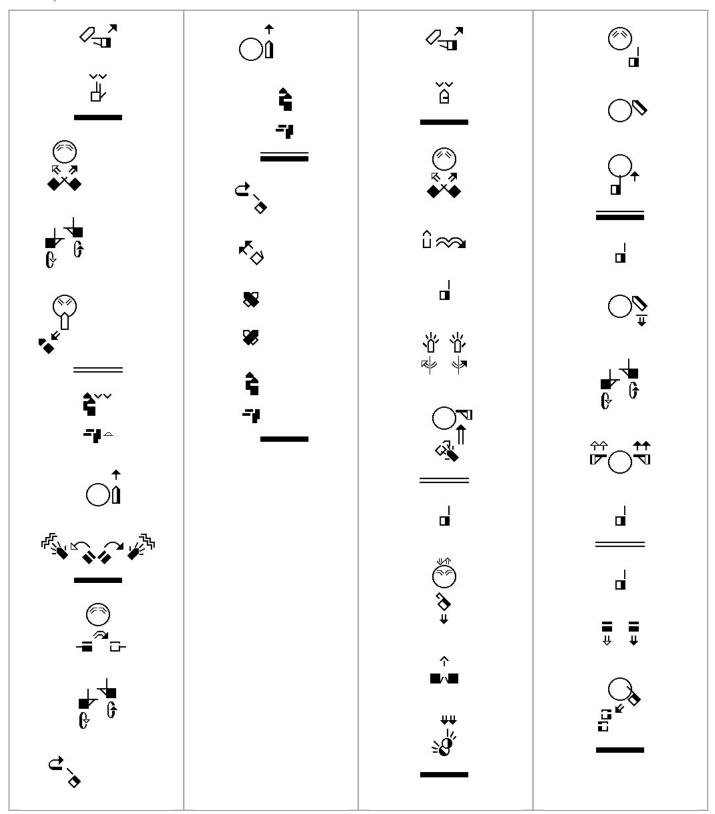
Verse 7. (Such women are forever following new teachings, but they are never able to understand the truth.) Verse 8. These teachers oppose the truth just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses. They have depraved minds and a counterfeit faith. Verse 9. But they won't get away with this for long. Someday



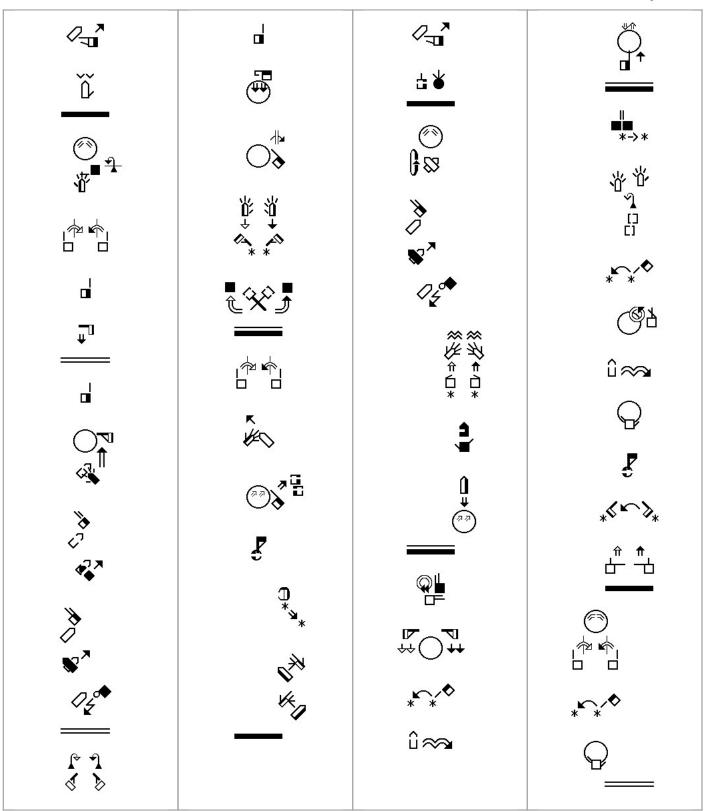
everyone will recognize what fools they are, just as with Jannes and Jambres. Verse 10. But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. Verse 11. You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know NLT



all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra -- but the Lord rescued me from all of it. Verse 12. Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.



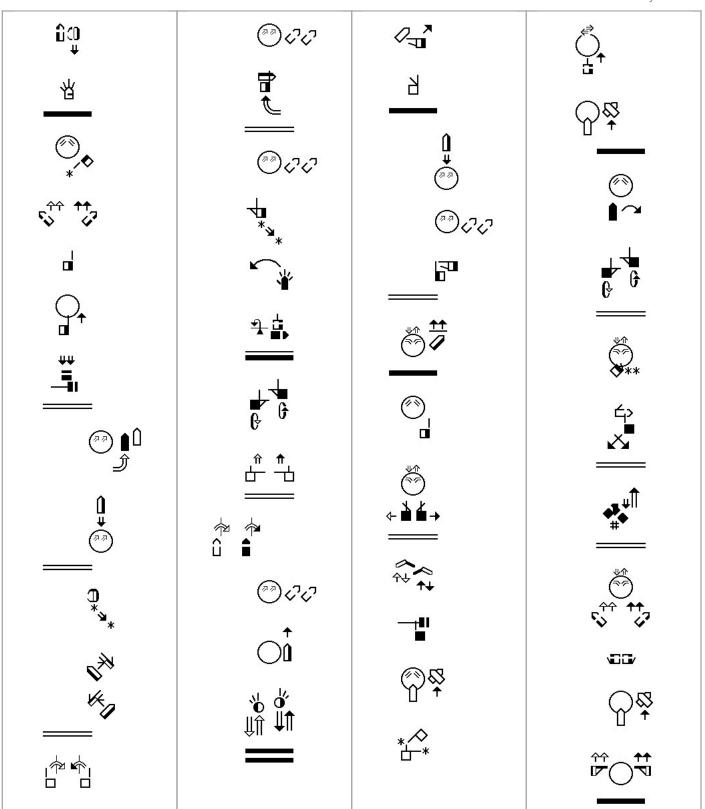
Verse 13. But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived. Verse 14. But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. NLT



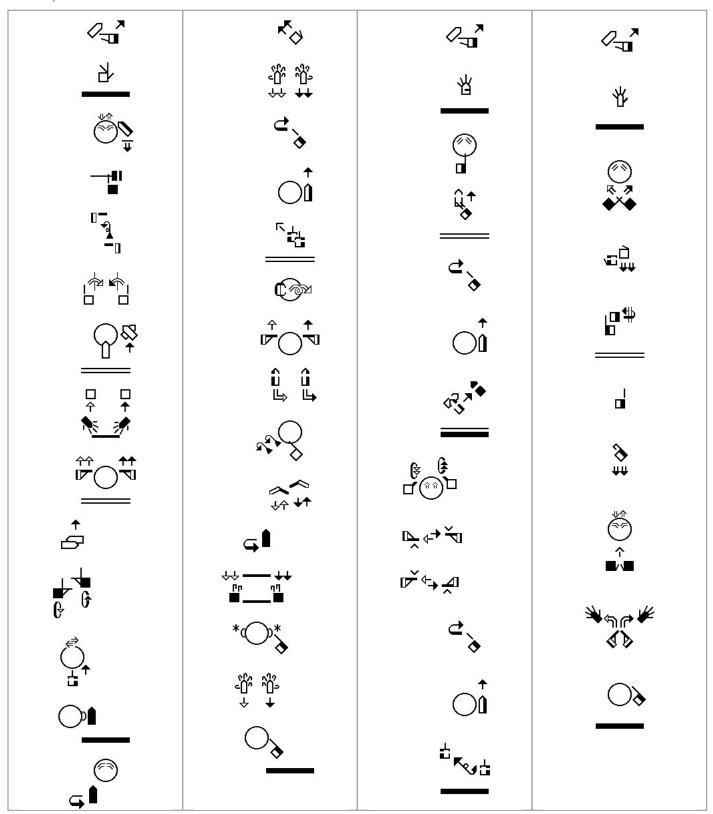
Verse 15. You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. Verse 16. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong

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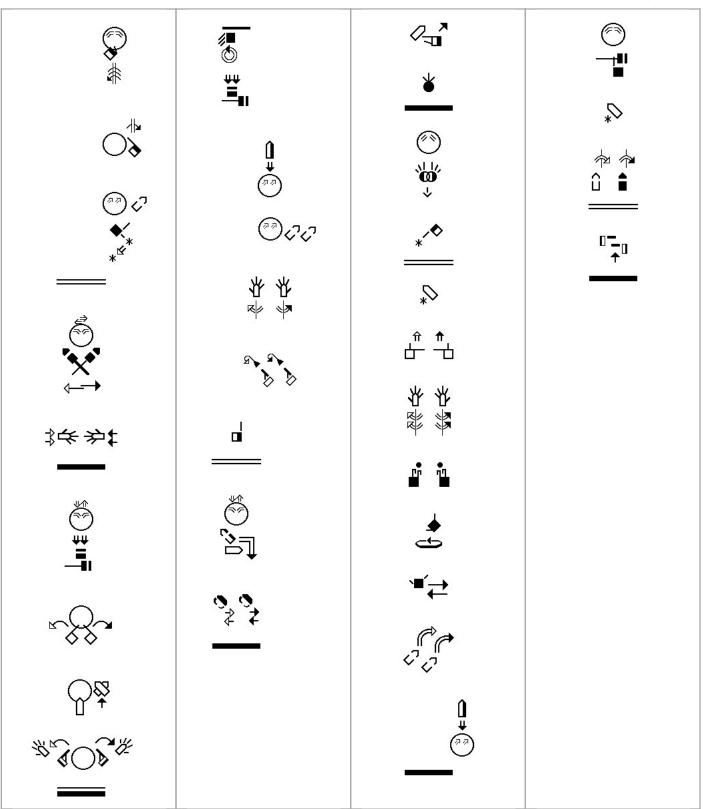
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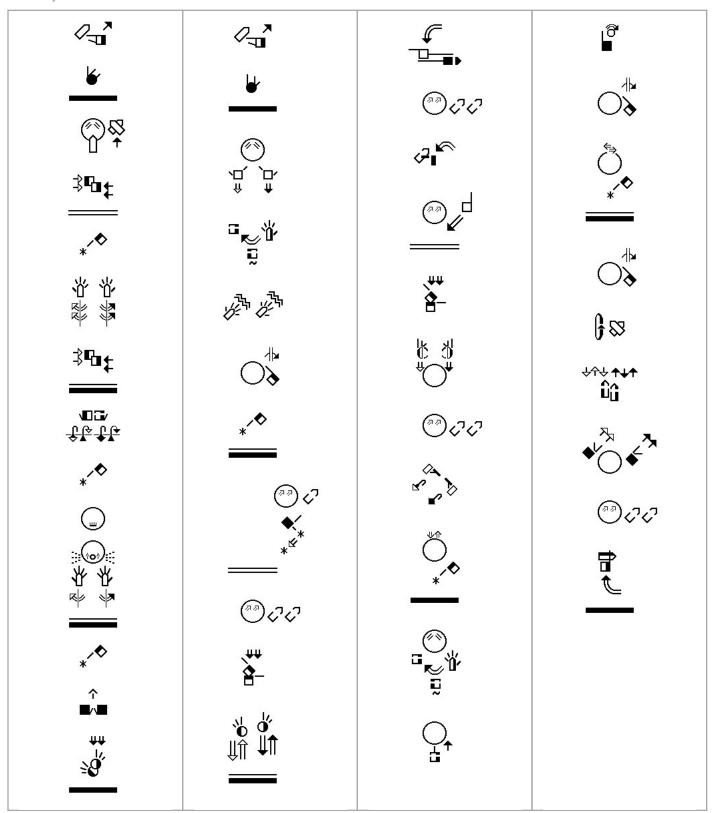
Chapter 4. I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he appears to set up his Kingdom: Verse 2. Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.



Verse 3. For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. Verse 4. They will reject the truth and chase after myths. Verse 5. But you should keep a clear mind in every situation.

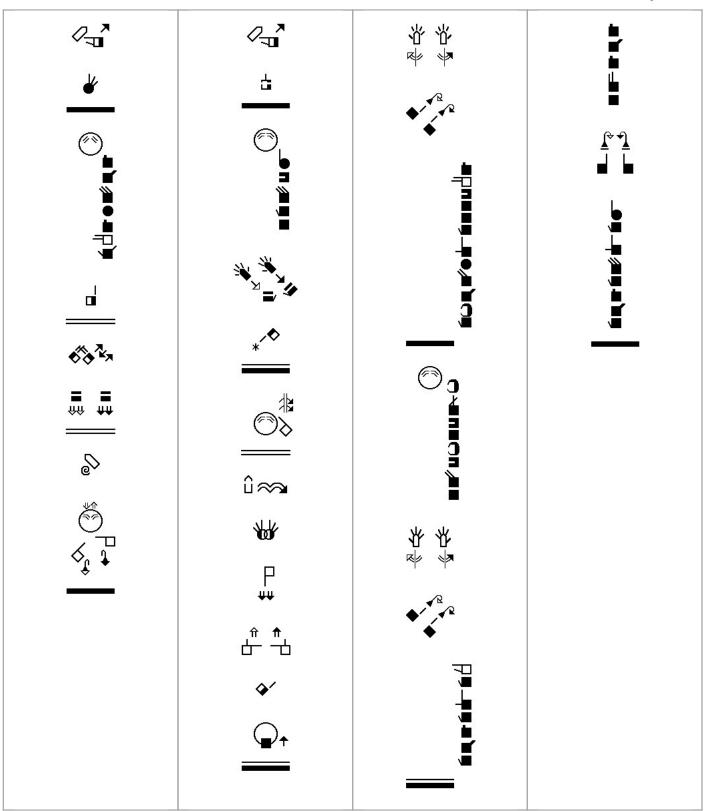


Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you. Verse 6. As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near.

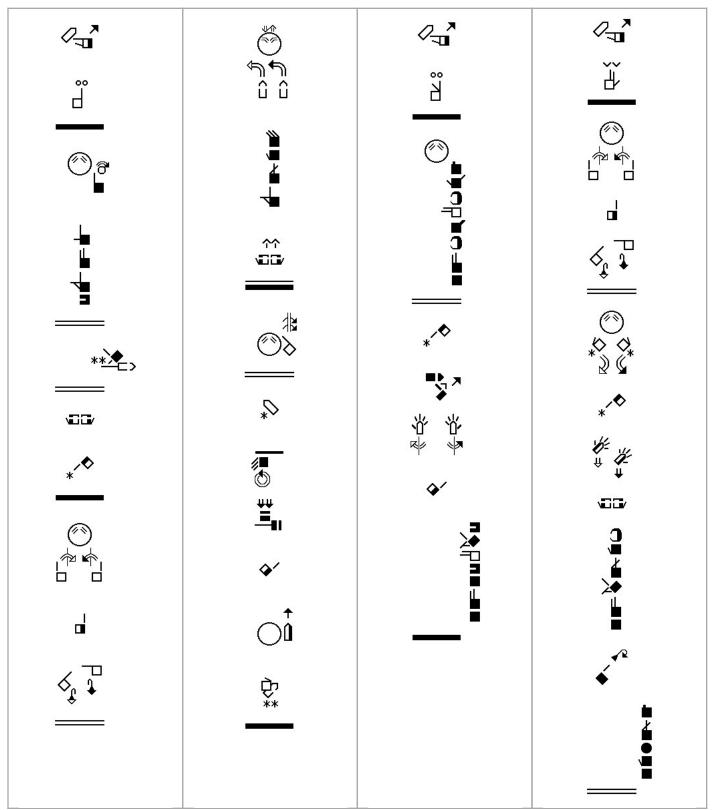


Verse 7. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. Verse 8. And now the prize awaits me -- the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

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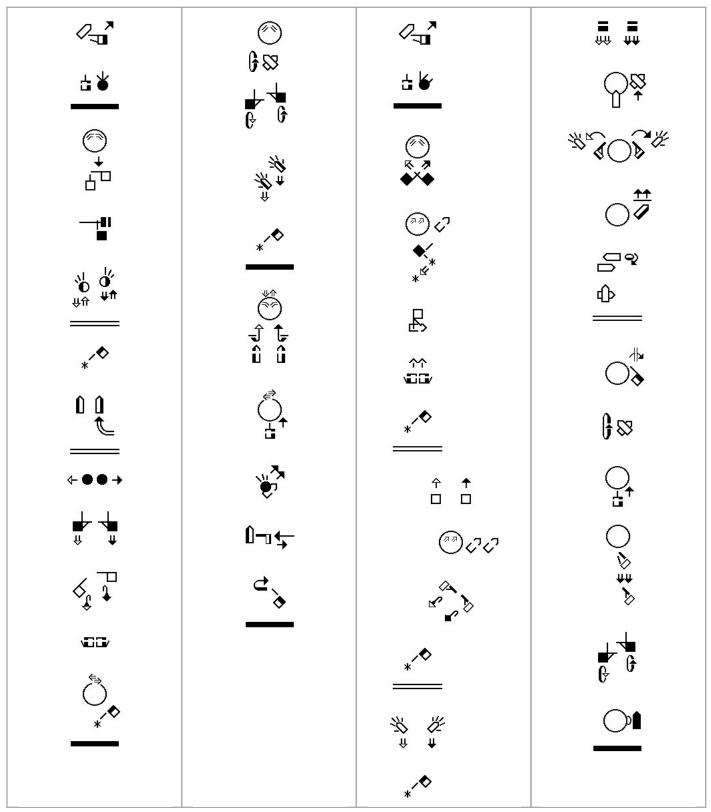
Verse 9. Timothy, please come as soon as you can. Verse 10. Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia.



Verse 11. Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry. Verse 12. I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. Verse 13. When you come, be sure to bring the coat I left with Carpus at Troas.

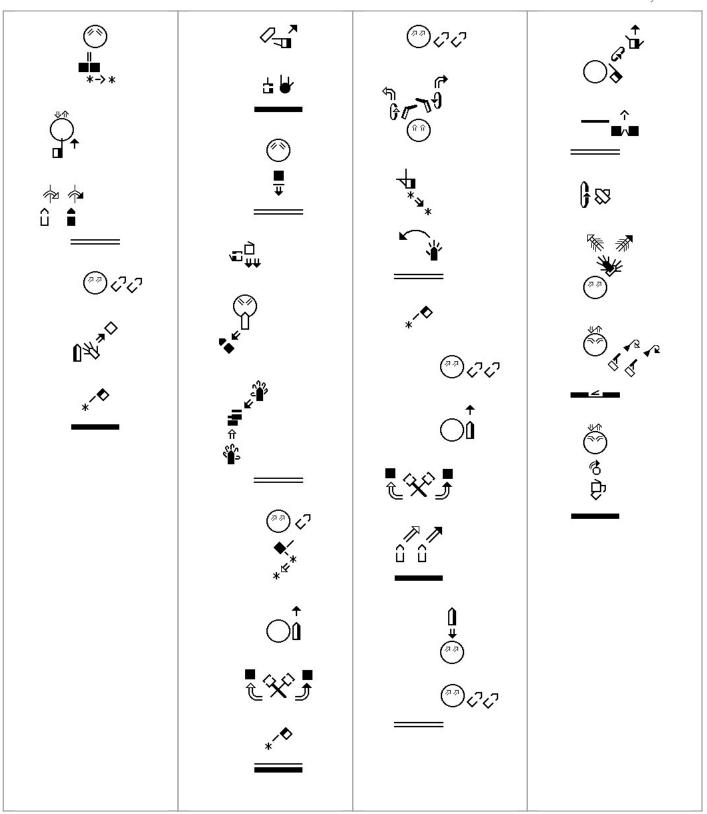
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Also bring my books, and especially my papers. Verse 14. Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm, but the Lord will judge him for what he has done. Verse 15. Be careful of him, for he fought against everything we said.



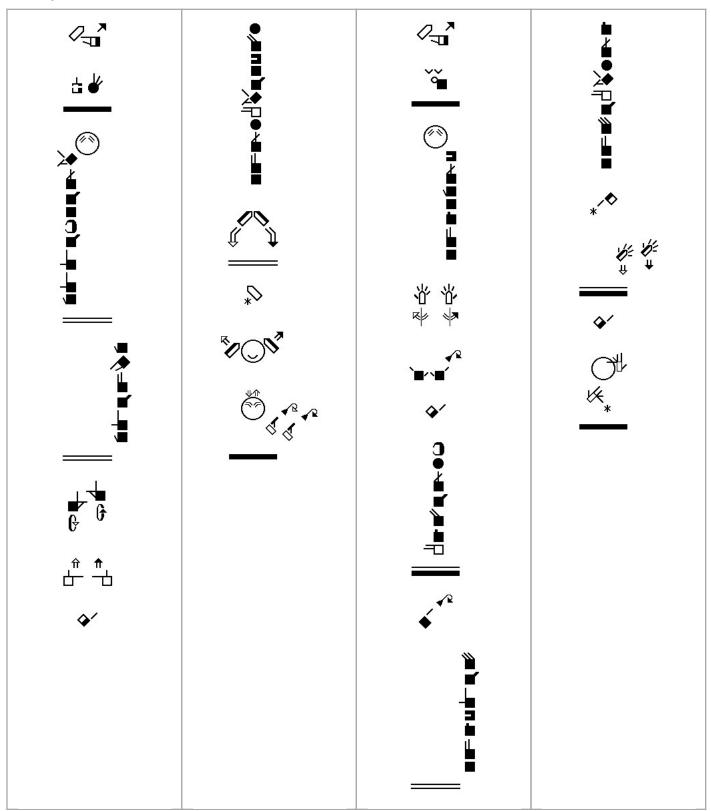
Verse 16. The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. Verse 17. But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear.

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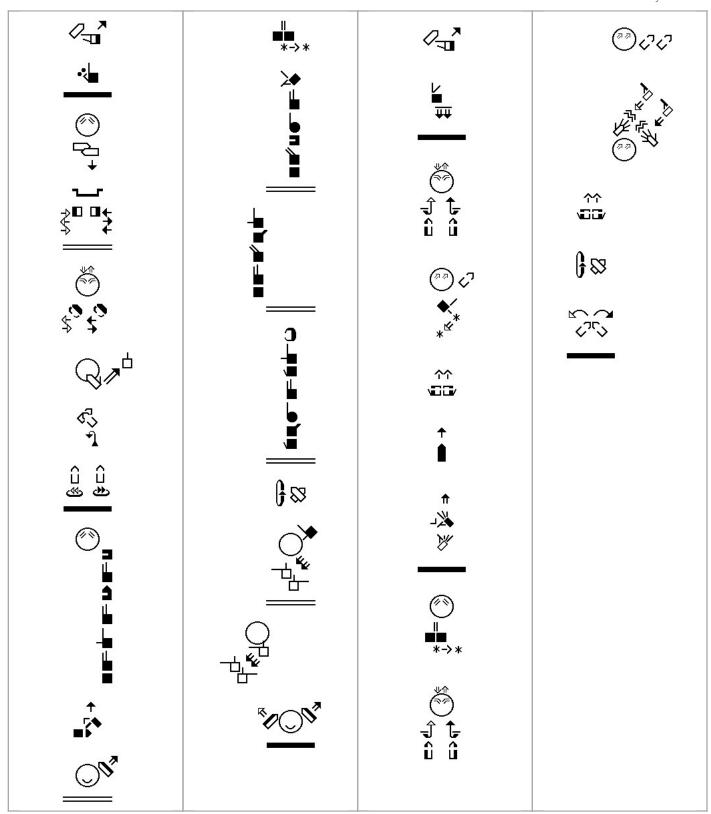


And he rescued me from certain death. Verse 18. Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

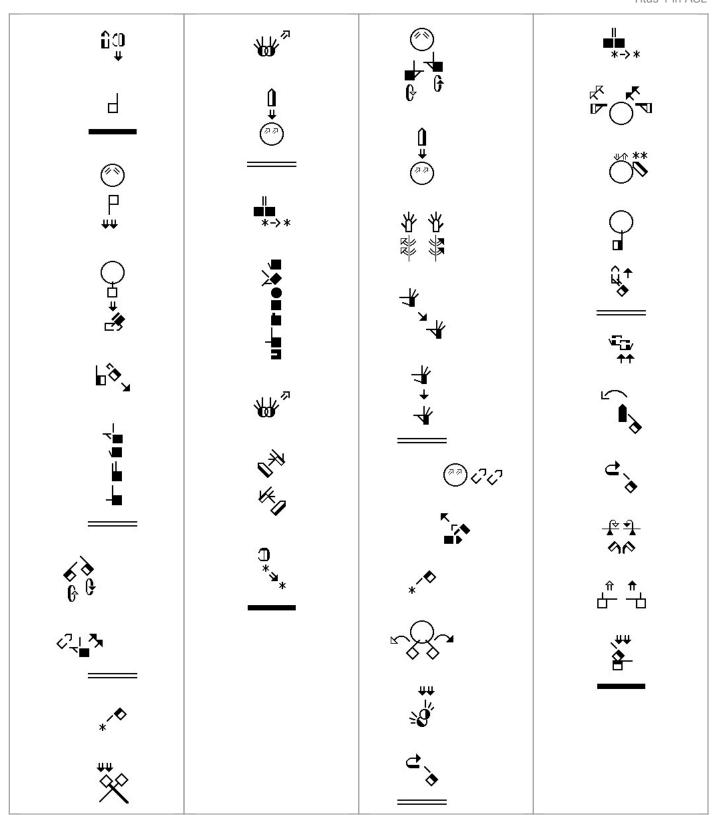
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Verse 19. Give my greetings to Priscilla and Aquila and those living in the household of Onesiphorus. Verse 20. Erastus stayed at Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick at Miletus. NLT

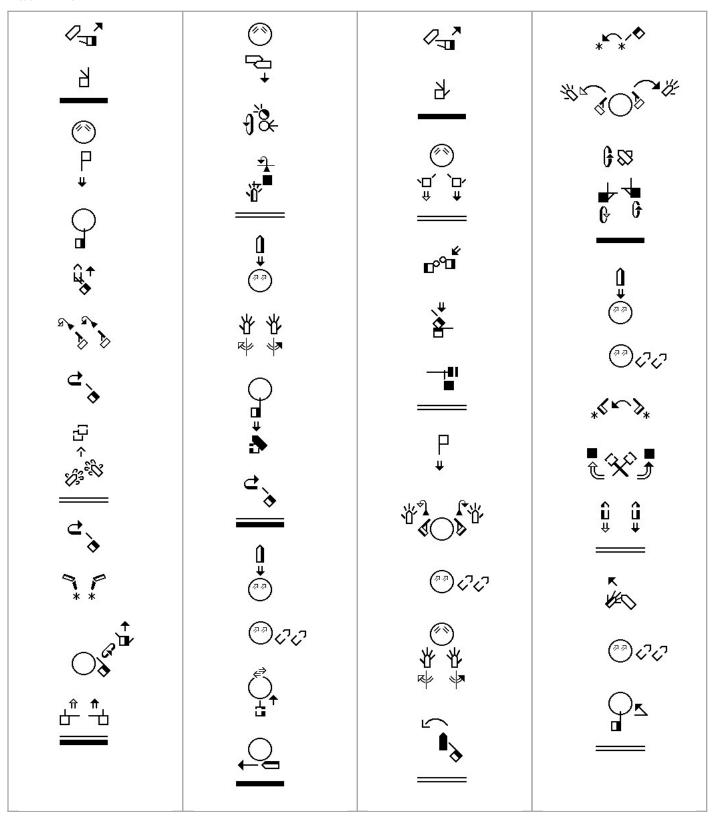


Verse 21. Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus send you greetings, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers and sisters. Verse 22. May the Lord be with your spirit. And may his grace be with all of you.



Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to proclaim faith to those God has chosen and to teach them to know the truth that shows them how to live godly lives.

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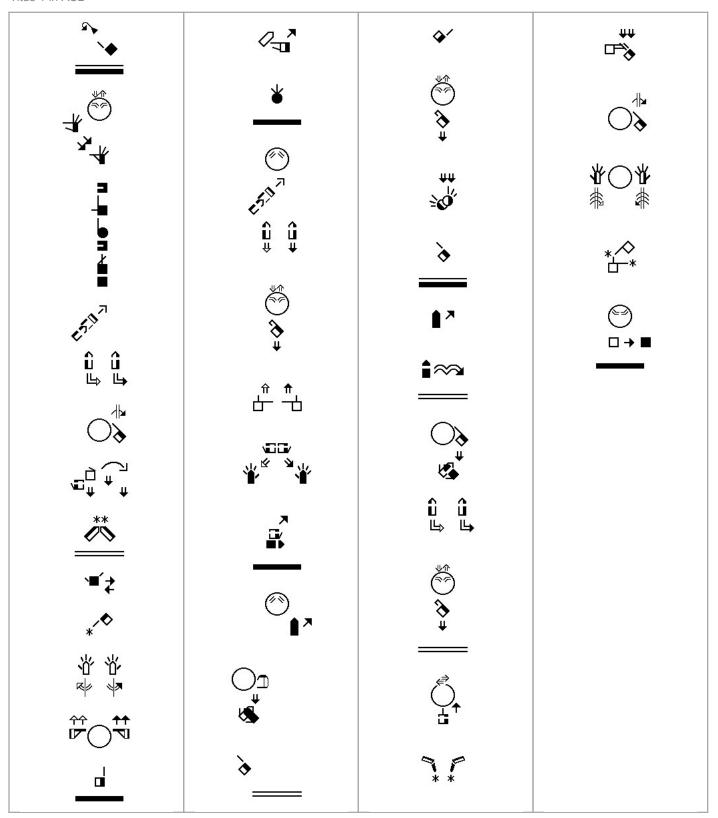


Verse 2. This truth gives them confidence that they have eternal life, which God -- who does not lie -- promised them before the world began. Verse 3. And now at just the right time he has revealed this message, which we announce to everyone. It is by the command of God our Savior

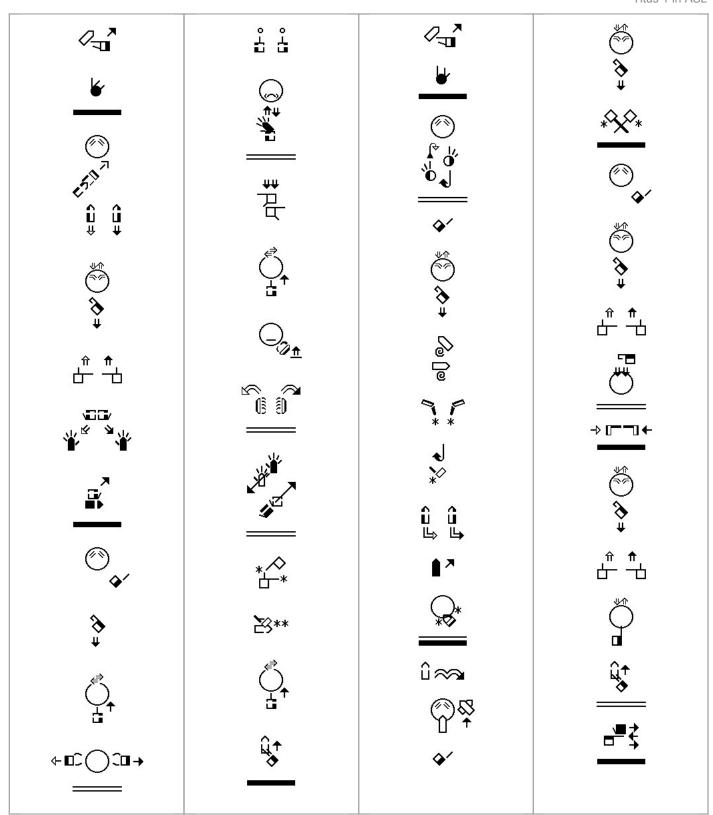
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that I have been entrusted with this work for him. Verse 4. I am writing to Titus, my true son in the faith that we share. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior give you grace and peace. Verse 5. I left you on the island of Crete so you could complete our work

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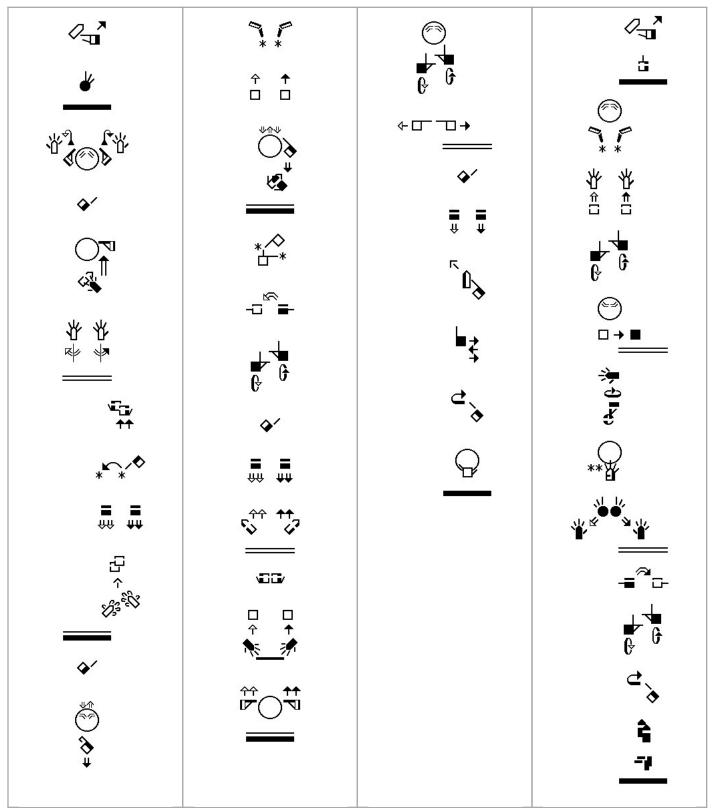
there and appoint elders in each town as I instructed you. Verse 6. An elder must live a blameless life. He must be faithful to his wife, and his children must be believers who don't have a reputation for being wild or rebellious.



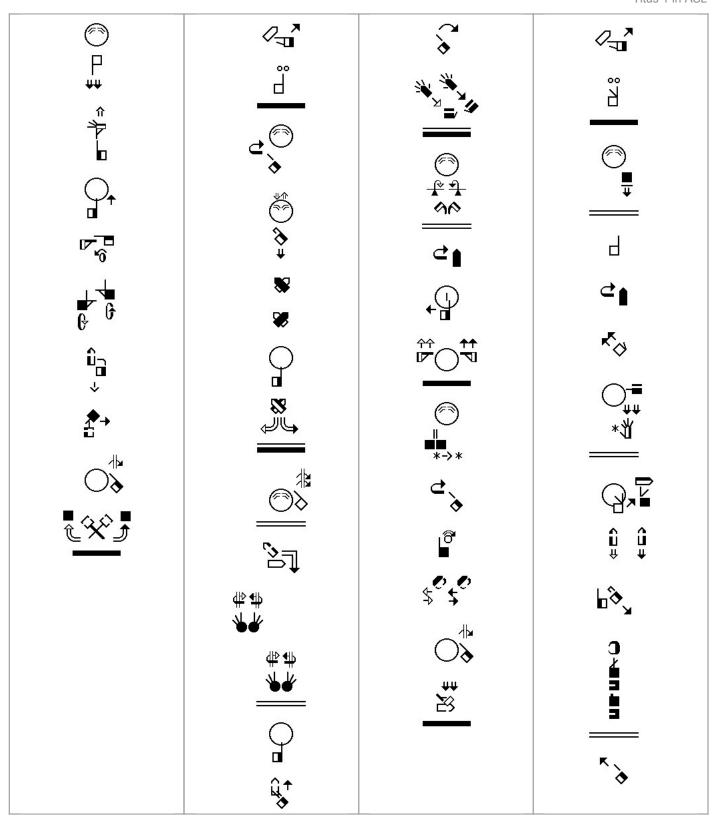
Verse 7. For an elder must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money. Verse 8. Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life.

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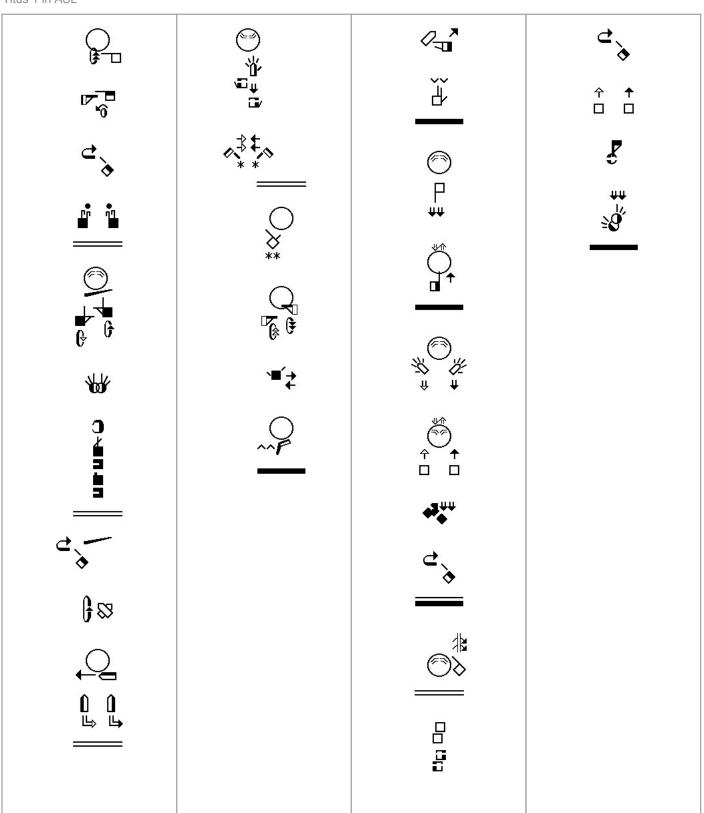


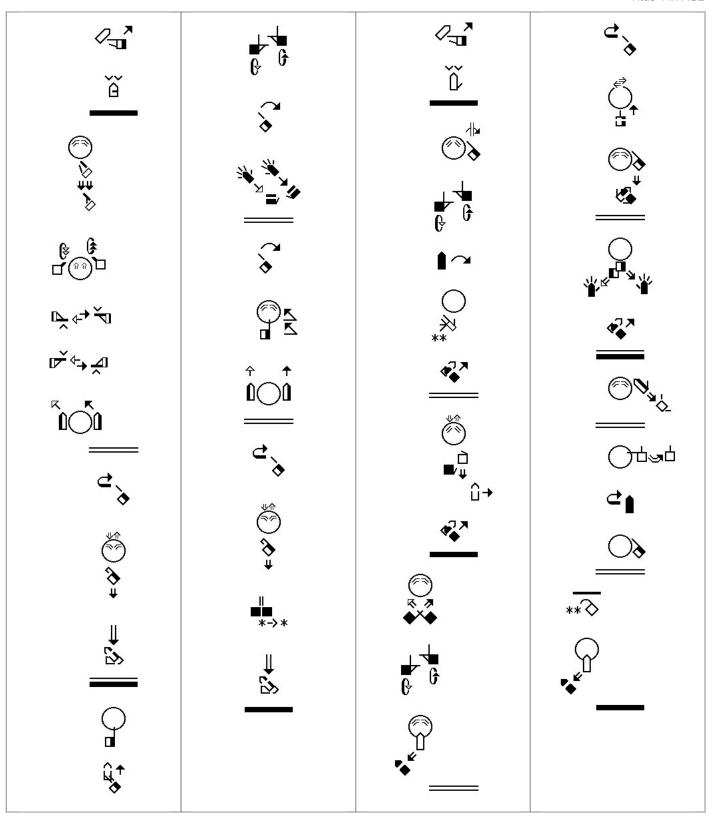
Verse 9. He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong. Verse 10. For there are many rebellious people who engage in useless talk and deceive others.



This is especially true of those who insist on circumcision for salvation. Verse 11. They must be silenced, because they are turning whole families away from the truth by their false teaching. And they do it only for money. Verse 12. Even one of their own men, a prophet from Crete,

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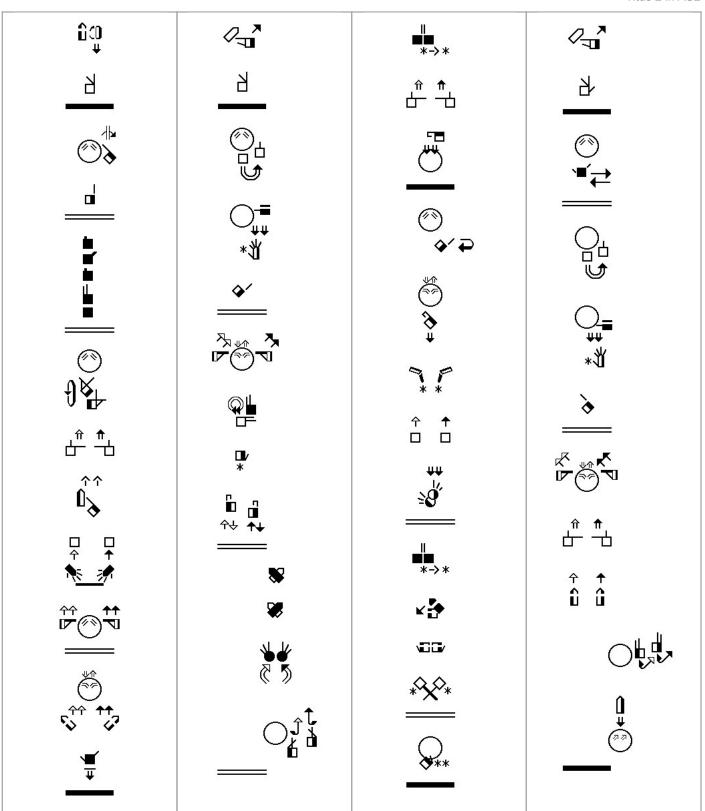


Verse 14. They must stop listening to Jewish myths and the commands of people who have turned away from the truth. Verse 15. Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted.

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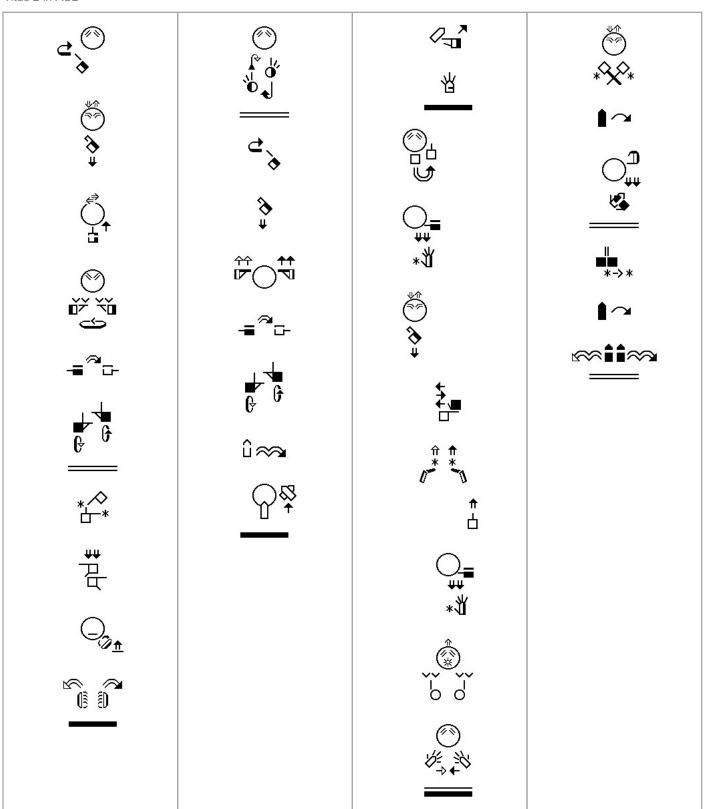
Verse 16. Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.



Chapter 2. As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching. Verse 2. Teach the older men to exercise self-control, to be worthy of respect, and to live wisely. They must have sound faith and be filled with love and patience. Verse 3. Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God.

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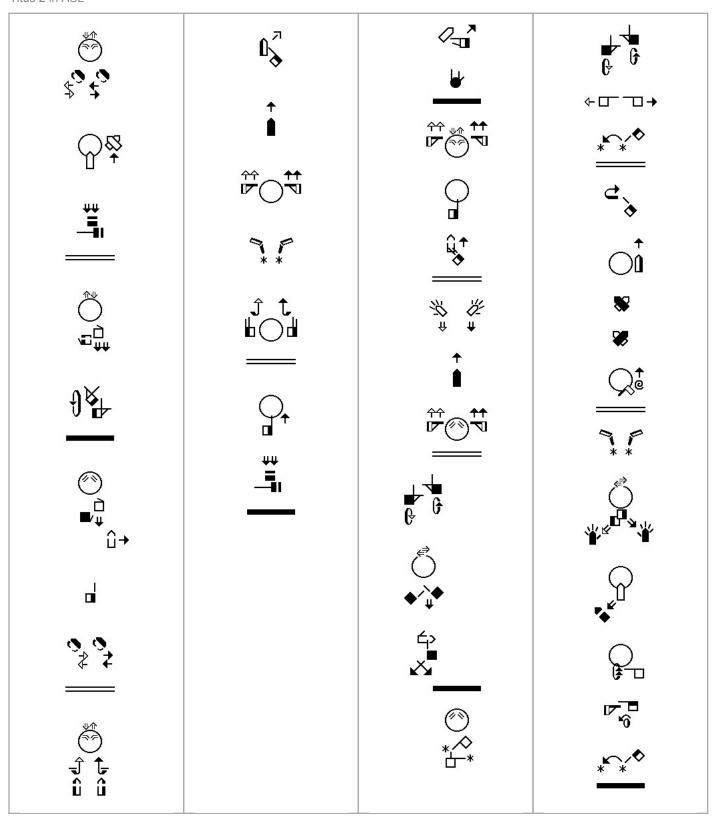
They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good. Verse 4. These older women must train the younger women to love their husband and their children,

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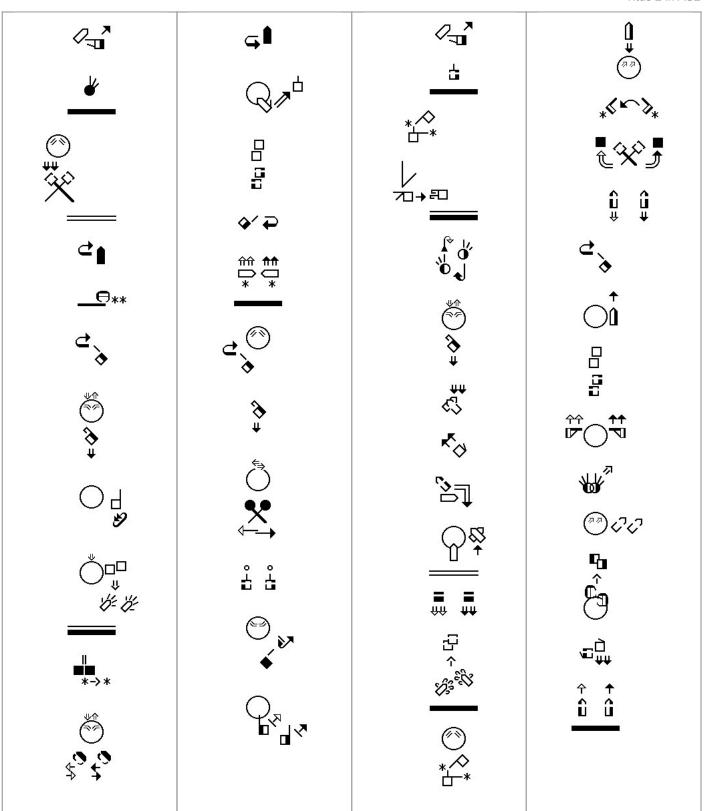
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Verse 5. to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God. Verse 6. In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely. Verse 7. And you yourself must be an example to them

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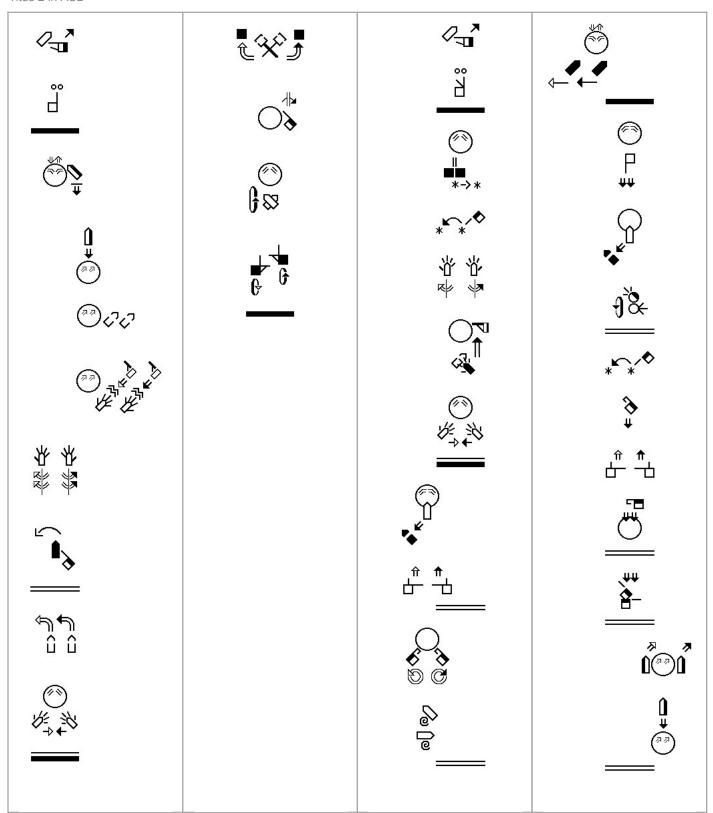


by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching. Verse 8. Teach the truth so that your teaching can't be criticized. Then those who oppose us will be ashamed and have nothing bad to say about us.

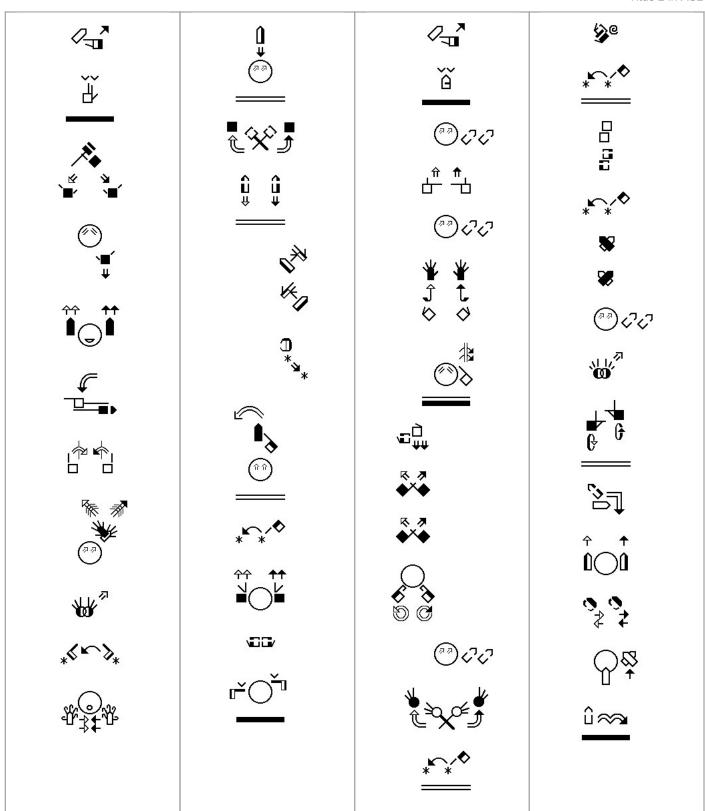


Verse 9. Slaves must always obey their masters and do their best to please them. They must not talk back Verse 10. or steal, but must show themselves to be entirely trustworthy and good. Then they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive in every way.

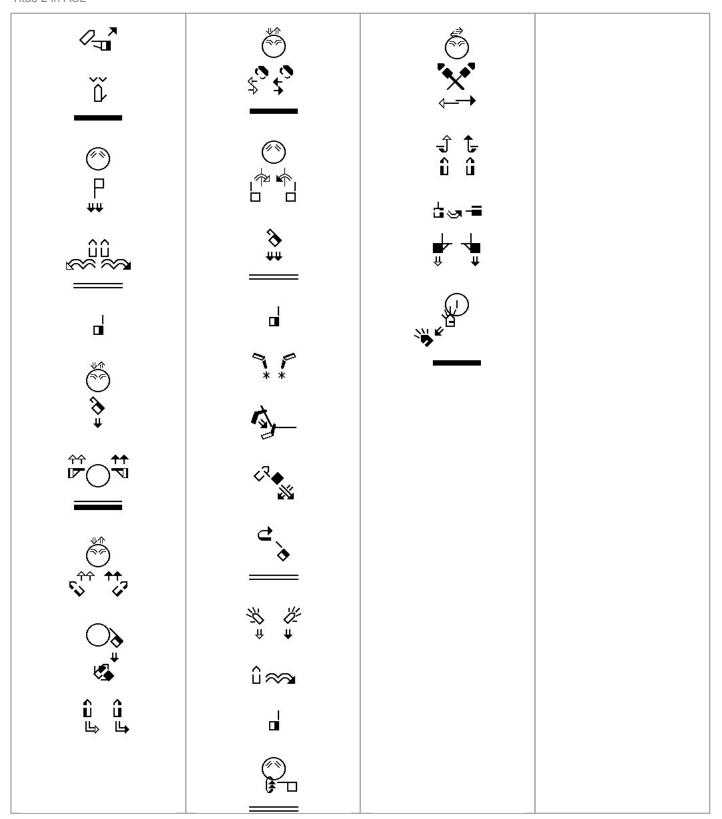
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Verse 11. For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. Verse 12. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, NLT



Verse 13. while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. Verse 14. He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

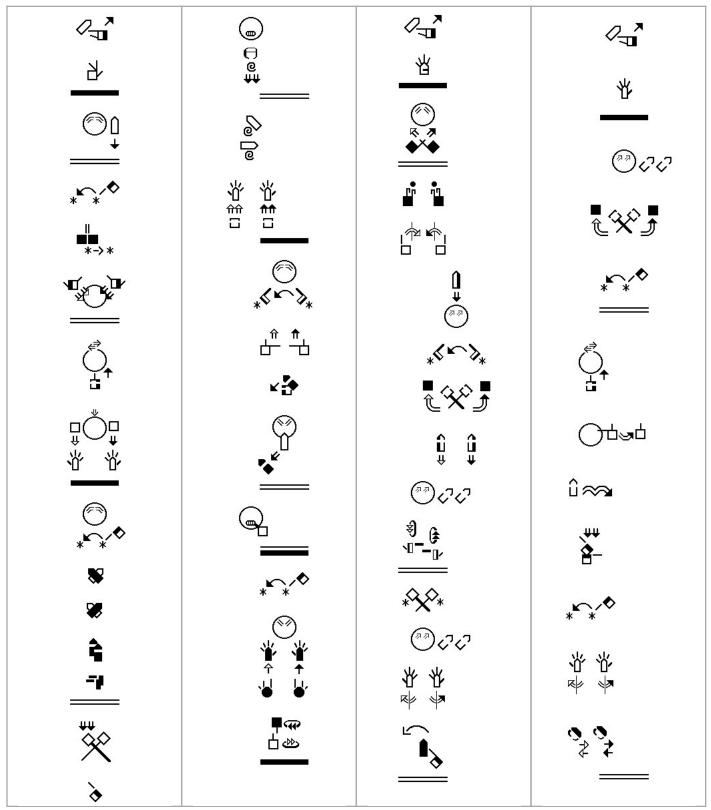


Verse 15. You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them. You have the authority to correct them when necessary, so don't let anyone disregard what you say.

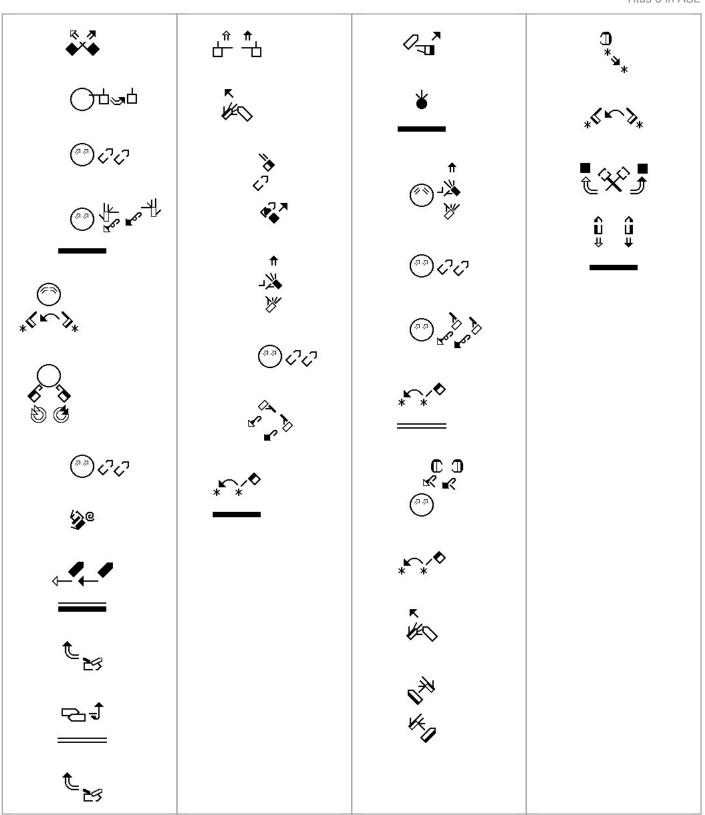
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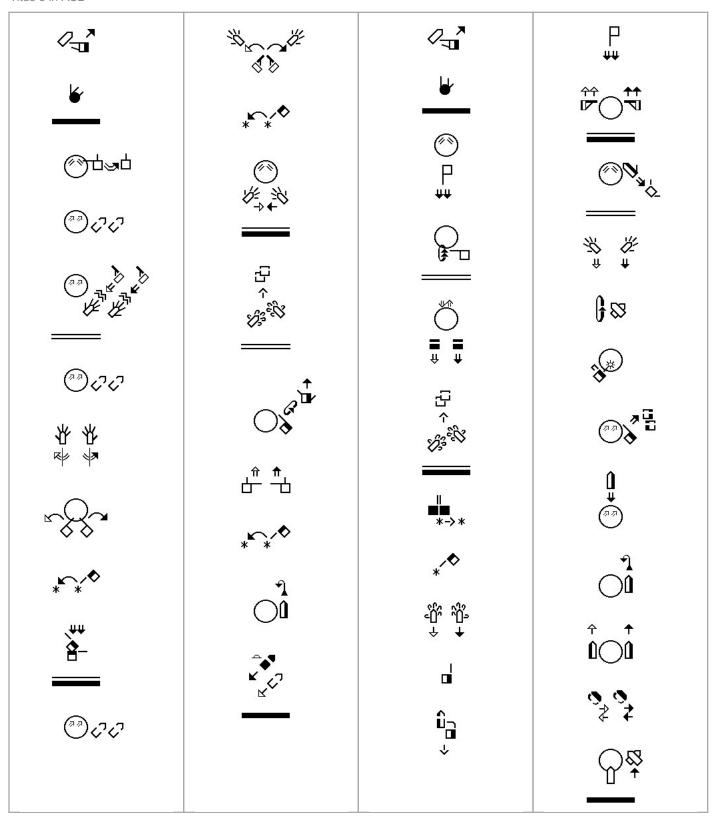
Chapter 3. Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. Verse 2. They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.



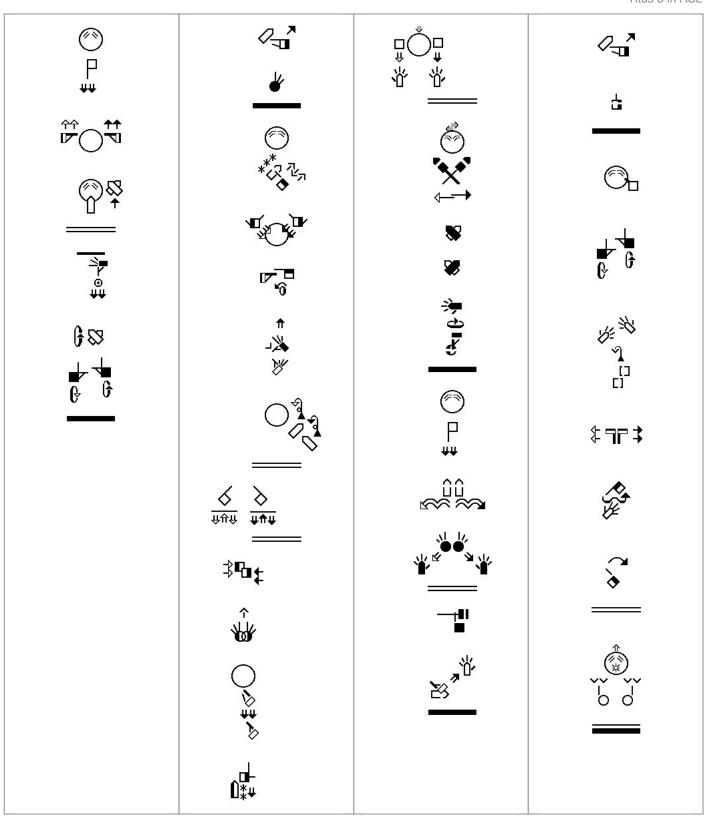
Verse 3. Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. Verse 4. But -- "When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, Verse 5. he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, NLT



but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. Verse 6. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

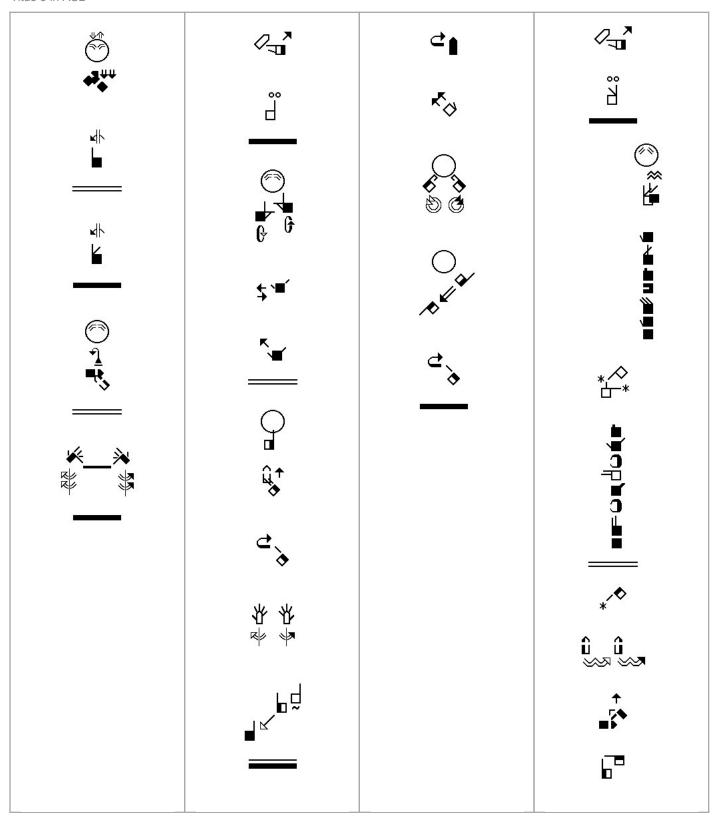


Verse 7. Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life." Verse 8. This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. NLT

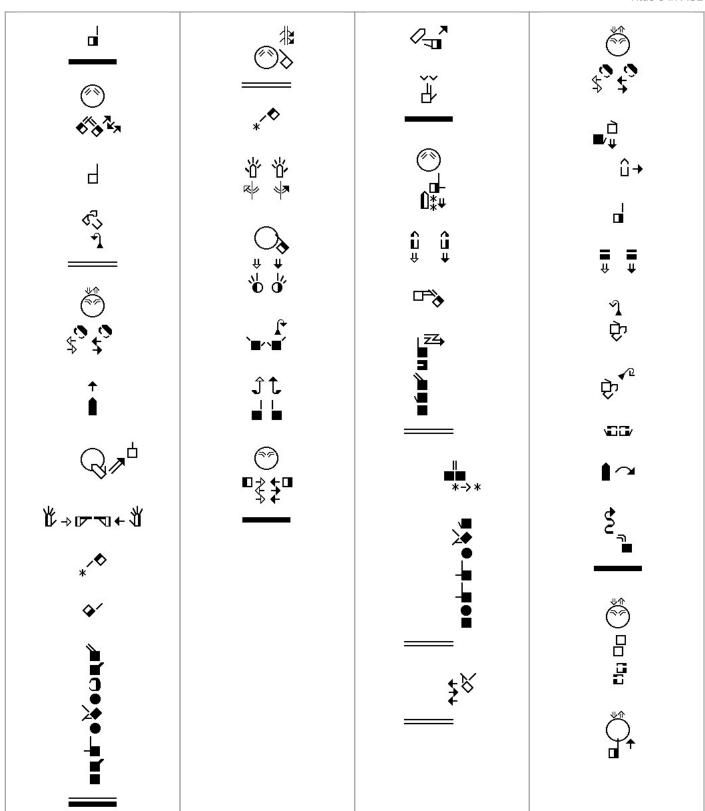


These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone. Verse 9. Do not get involved in foolish discussions about spiritual pedigrees or in quarrels and fights about obedience to Jewish laws. These things are useless and a waste of time. Verse 10. If people are causing divisions among you,

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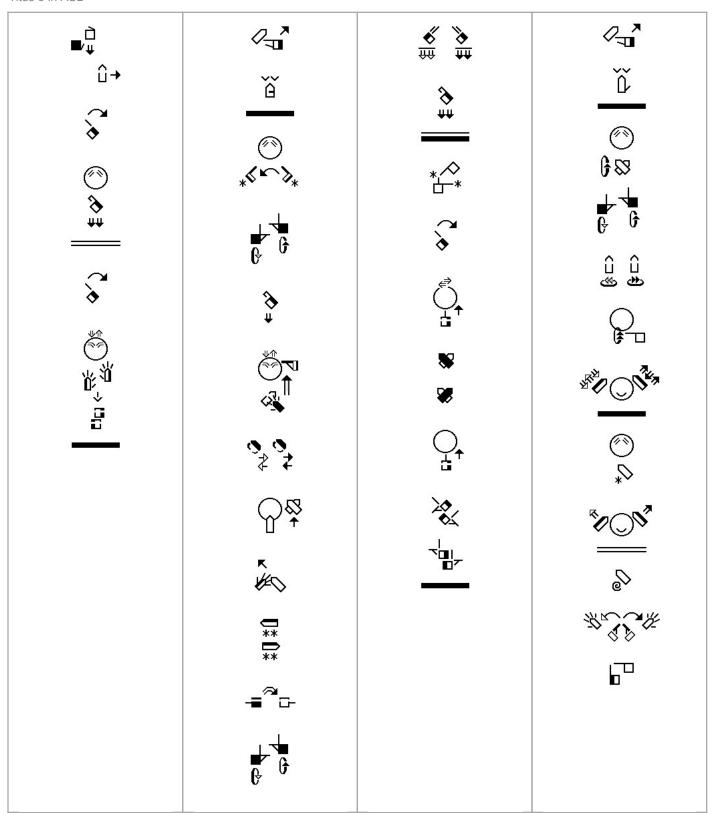


give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them. Verse 11. For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them. Verse 12. I am planning to send either Artemas or Tychicus to NLT



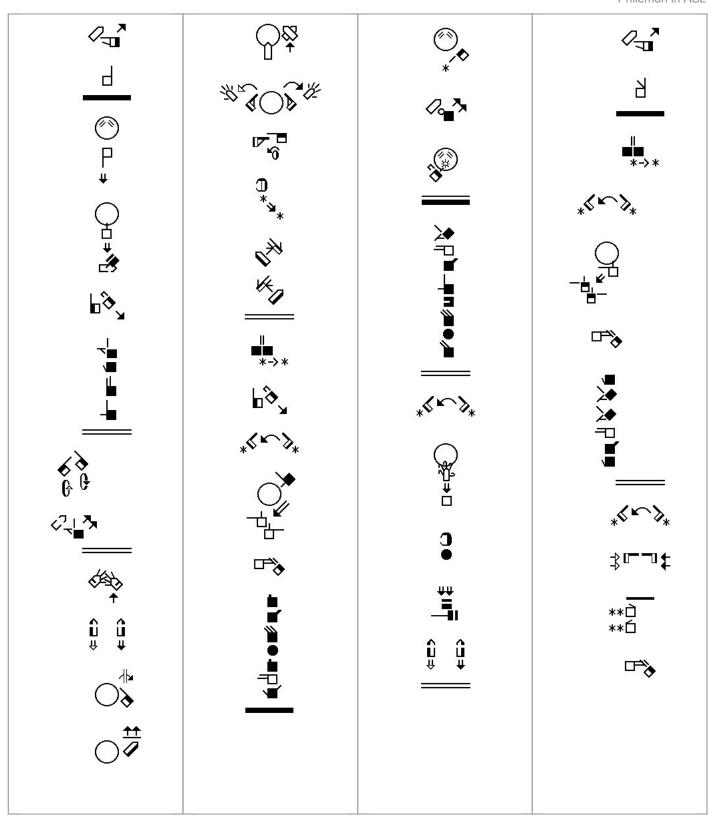
you. As soon as one of them arrives, do your best to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to stay there for the winter. Verse 13. Do everything you can to help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos with their trip. See that

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they are given everything they need. Verse 14. Our people must learn to do good by meeting the urgent needs of others; then they will not be unproductive. Verse 15. Everybody here sends greetings. Please give my greetings to NLT

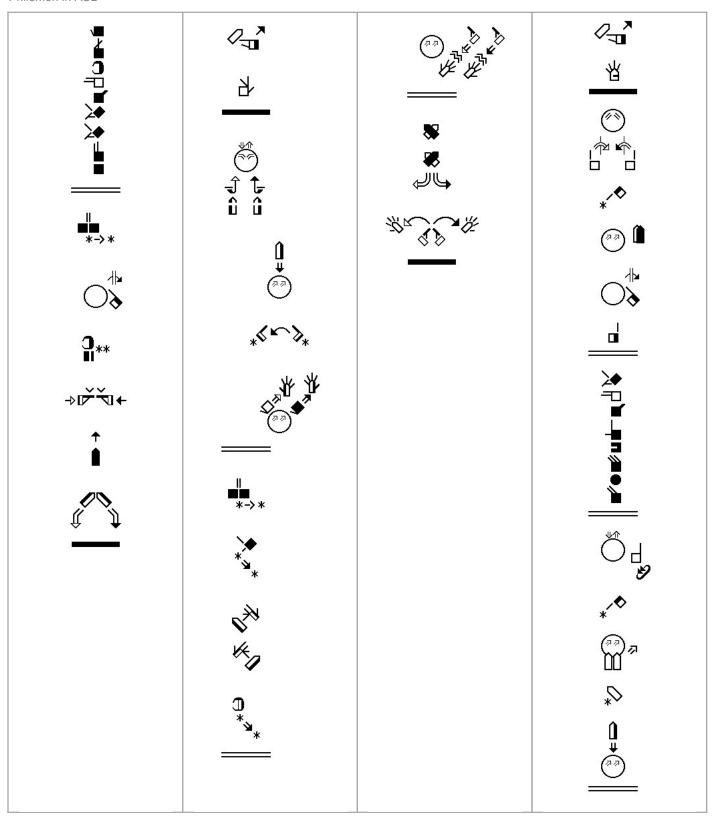
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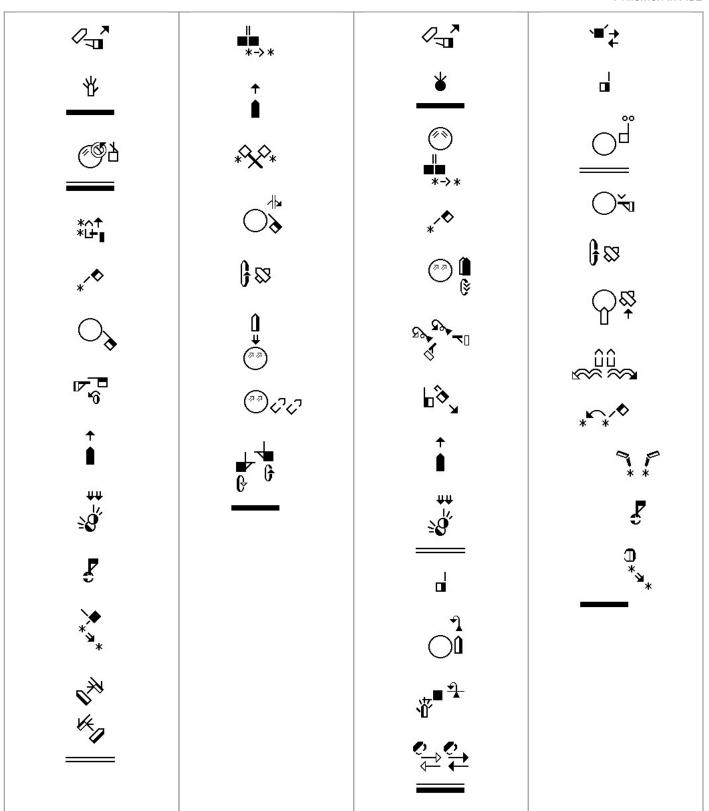
Verse 1. This letter is from Paul, a prisoner for preaching the Good News about Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. I am writing to Philemon, our beloved co-worker, Verse 2. and to our sister Apphia, and to our fellow soldier NLT

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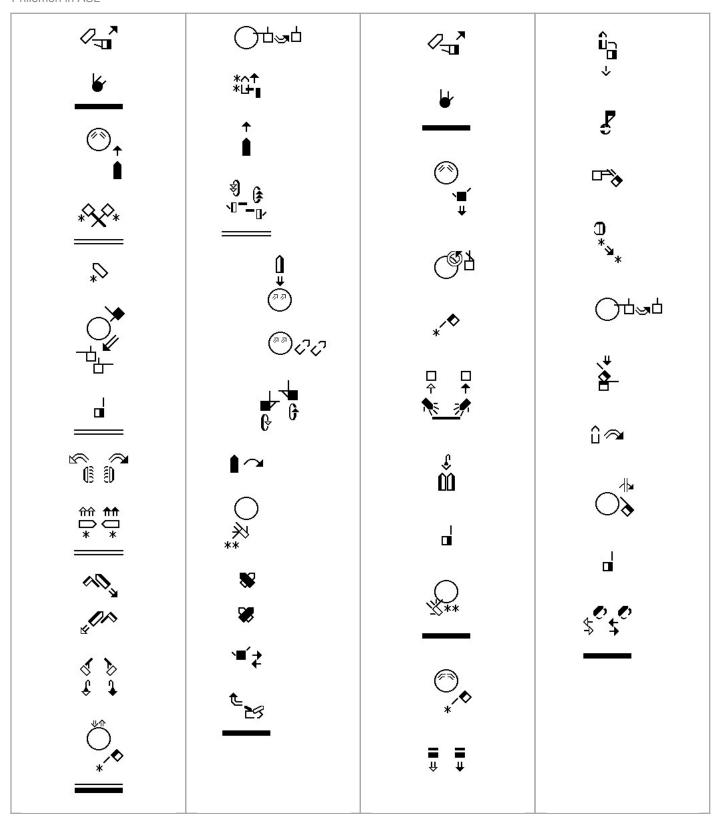


Archippus, and to the church that meets in your house. Verse 3. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Verse 4. I always thank my God when I pray for you, Philemon,



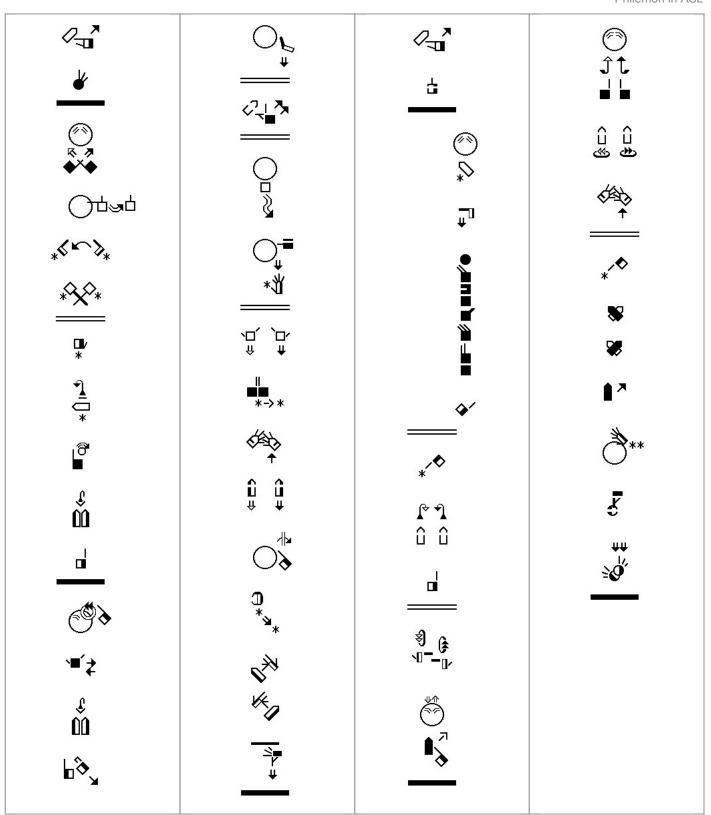
Verse 5. because I keep hearing about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. Verse 6. And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.

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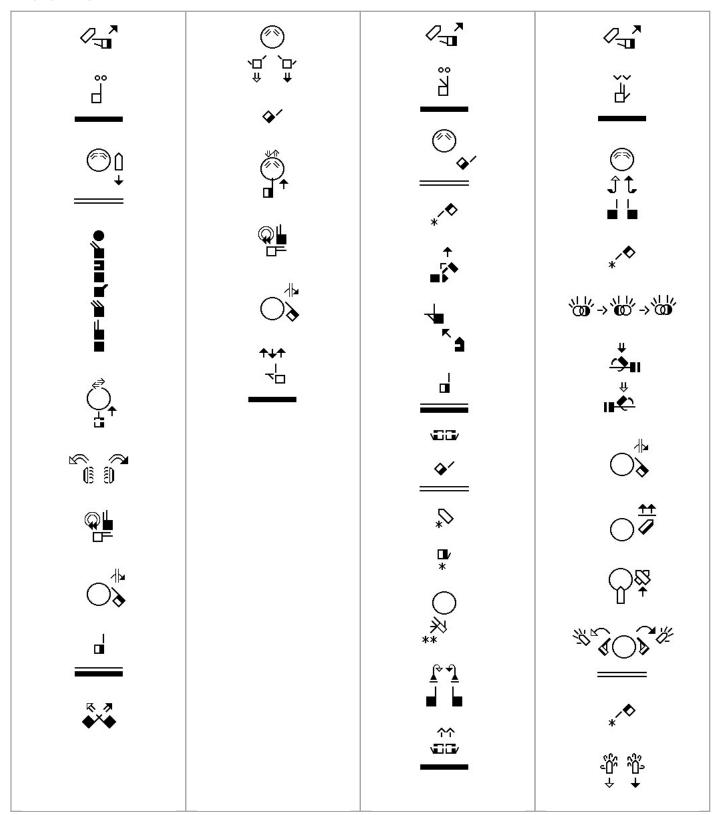


Verse 7. Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people. Verse 8. That is why I am boldly asking a favor of you. I could demand it in the name of Christ because it is the right thing for you to do.

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Verse 9. But because of our love, I prefer simply to ask you. Consider this as a request from me -- Paul, an old man and now also a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus. Verse 10. I appeal to you to show kindness to my child, Onesimus. I became his father in the faith while here in prison.

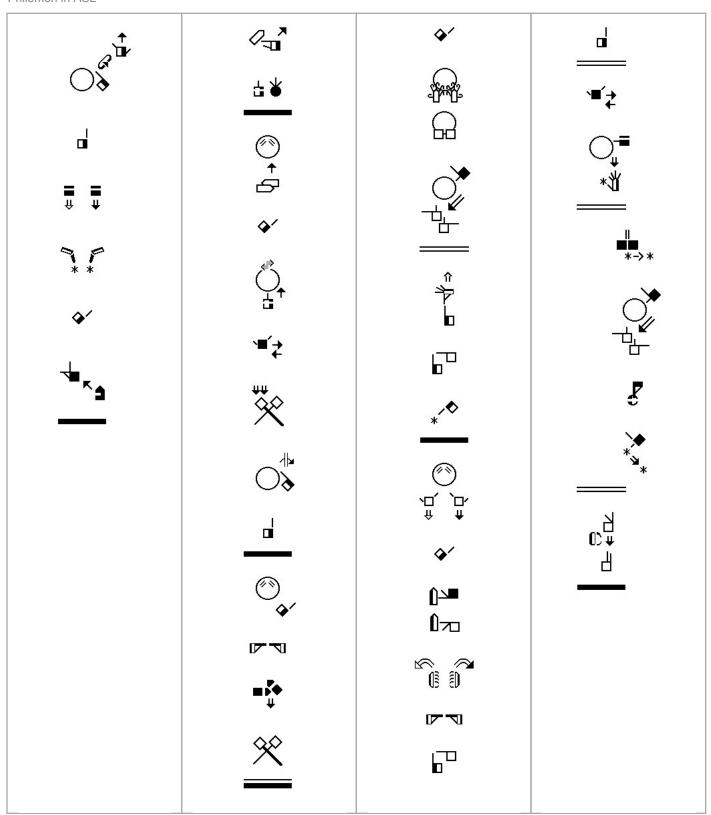


Verse 11. Onesimus hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but now he is very useful to both of us. Verse 12. I am sending him back to you, and with him comes my own heart. Verse 13. I wanted to keep him here with me while I am in these chains for preaching the Good News,

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and he would have helped me on your behalf. Verse 14. But I didn't want to do anything without your consent. I wanted you to help because you were willing, not because you were forced. Verse 15. It seems Onesimus ran away for a little while so NLT

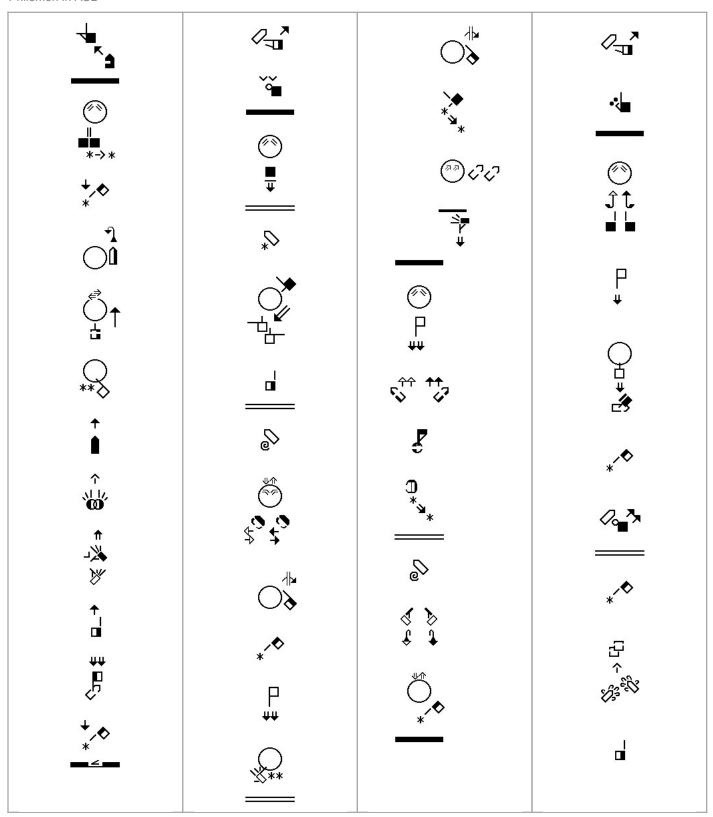
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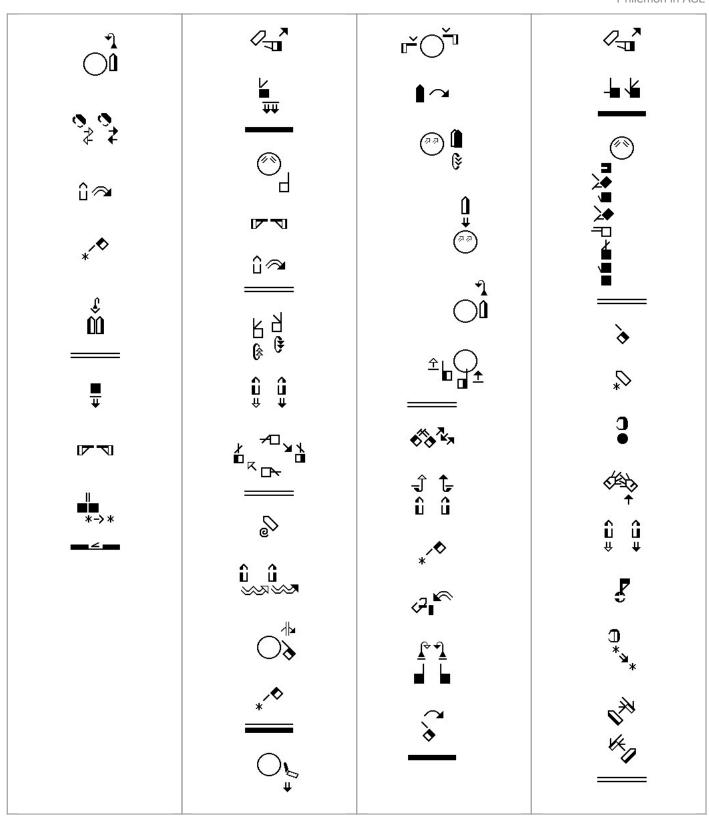
that you could have him back forever. Verse 16. He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

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Verse 17. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. Verse 18. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. Verse 19. I, PAUL, WRITE THIS WITH MY OWN HAND: I WILL REPAY IT. NLT



AND I WON'T MENTION THAT YOU OWE ME YOUR VERY SOUL! Verse 20. Yes, my brother, please do me this favor for the Lord's sake. Give me this encouragement in Christ. Verse 21. I am confident as I write this letter that you NLT



will do what I ask and even more! Verse 22. One more thing -- please prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that God will answer your prayers and let me return to you soon. Verse 23. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus,

## Philemon in ASL

