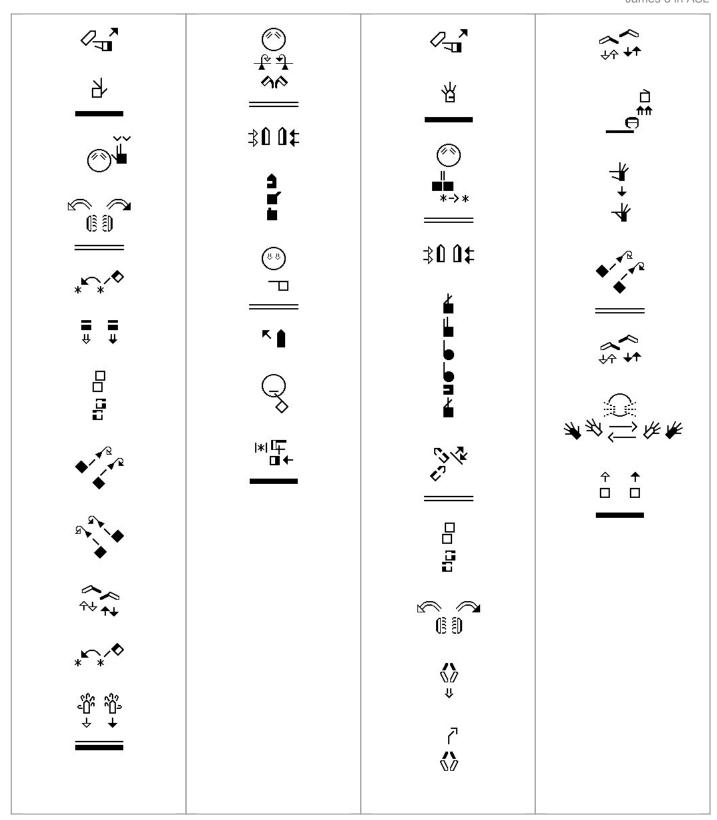


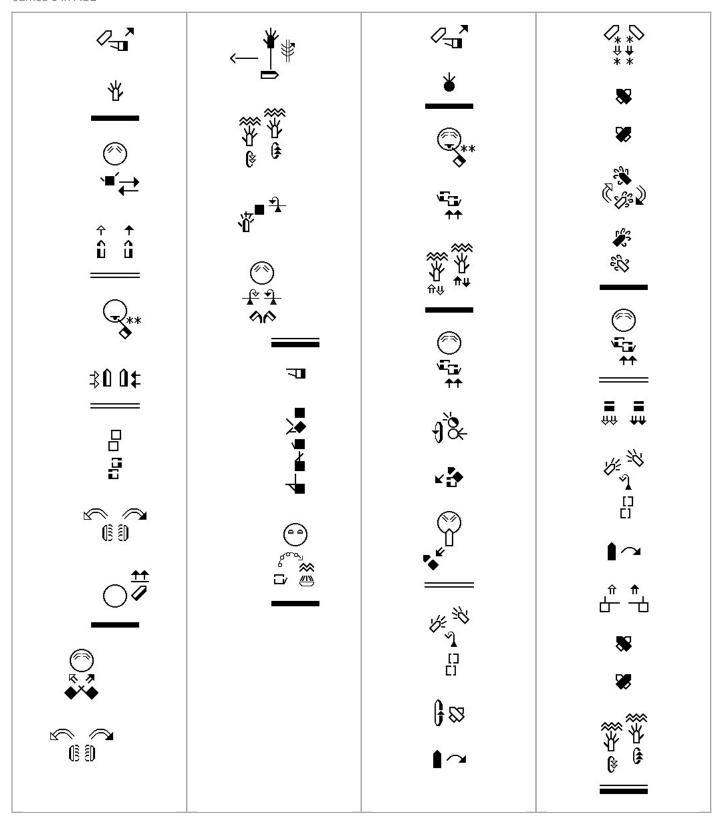
Chapter 3. Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. Verse 2. Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

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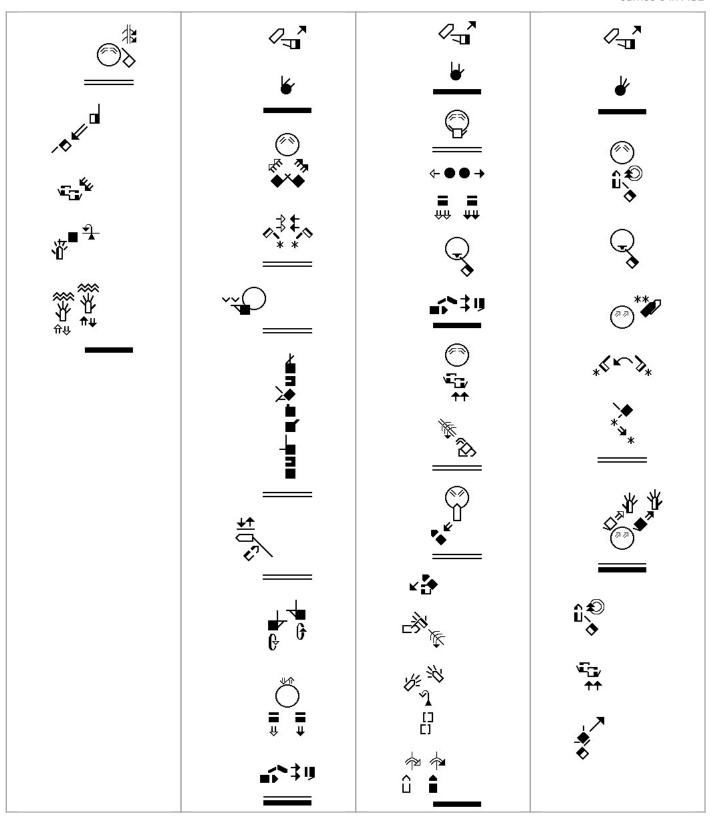


Verse 3. We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. Verse 4. And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong.

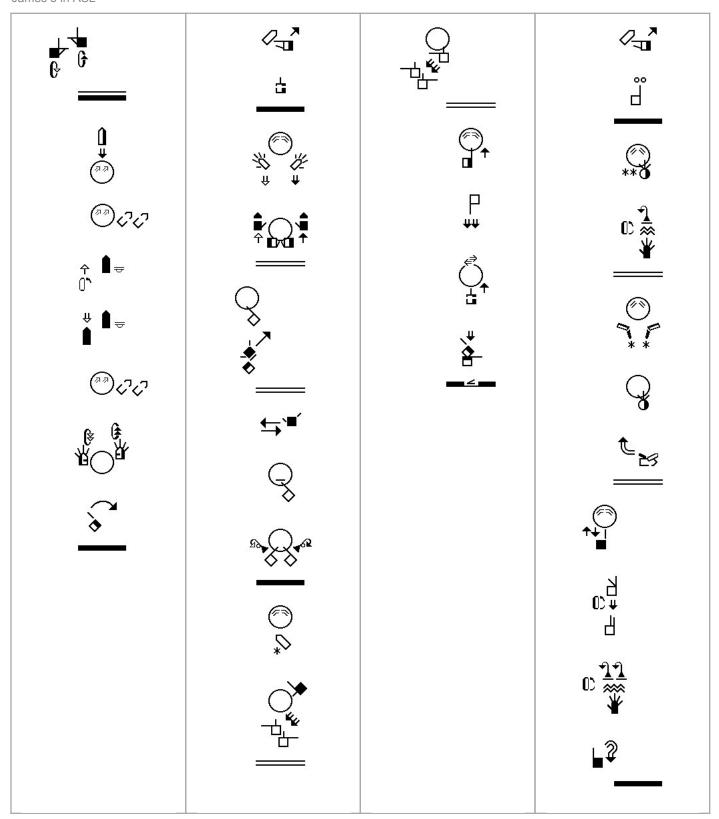
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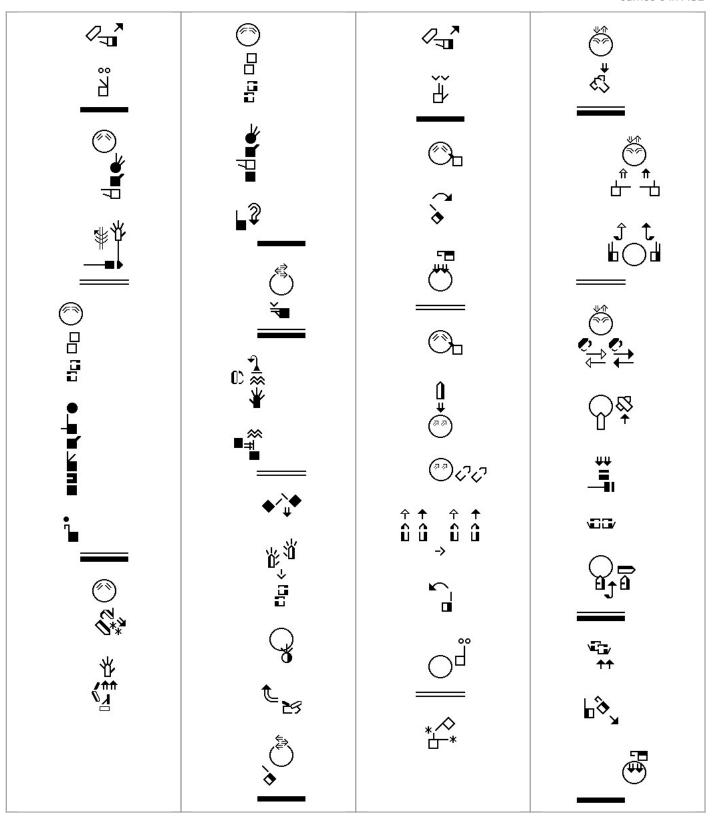
Verse 5. In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. Verse 6. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, NLT



for it is set on fire by hell itself. Verse 7. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, Verse 8. but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Verse 9. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses

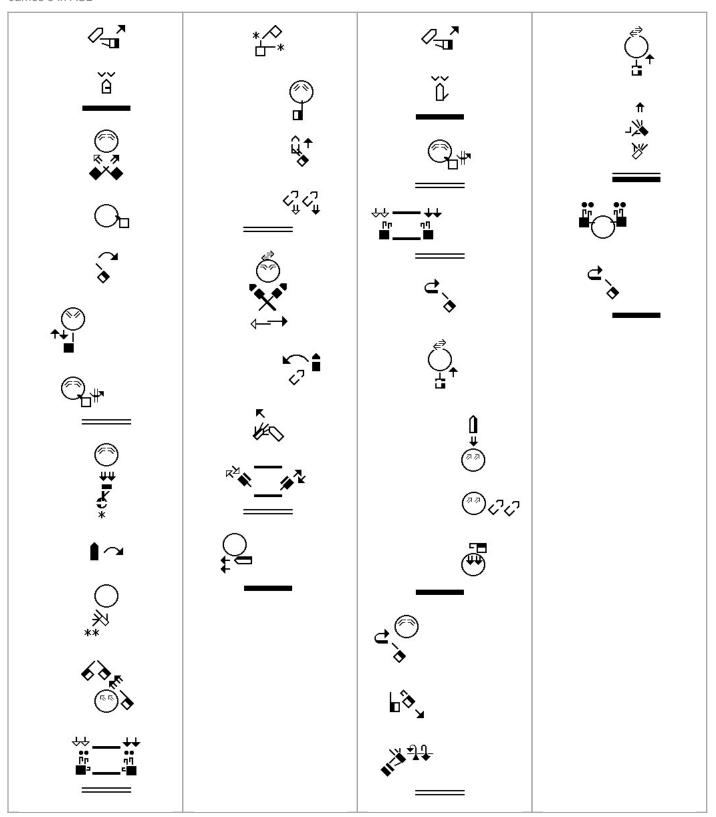


those who have been made in the image of God. Verse 10. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! Verse 11. Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? NLT

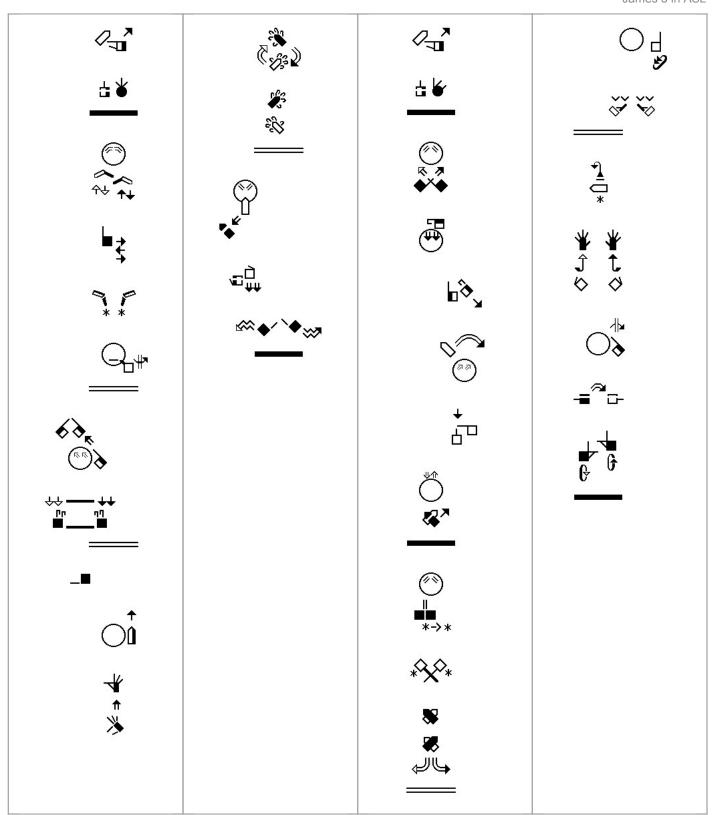


Verse 12. Does a fig tree product olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring. Verse 13. If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

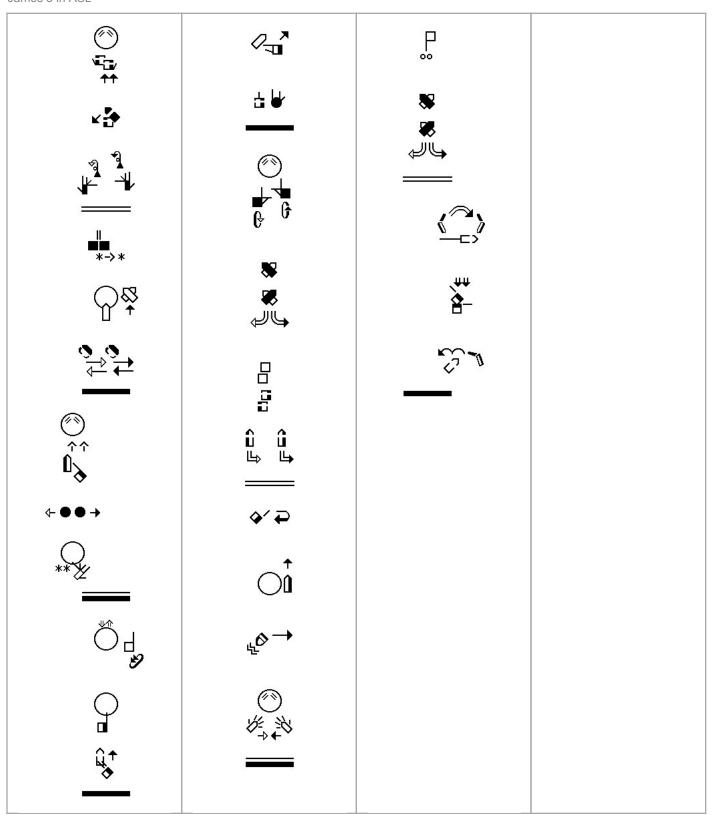
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Verse 14. But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. Verse 15. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.



Verse 16. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. Verse 17. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others.



It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. Verse 18. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.