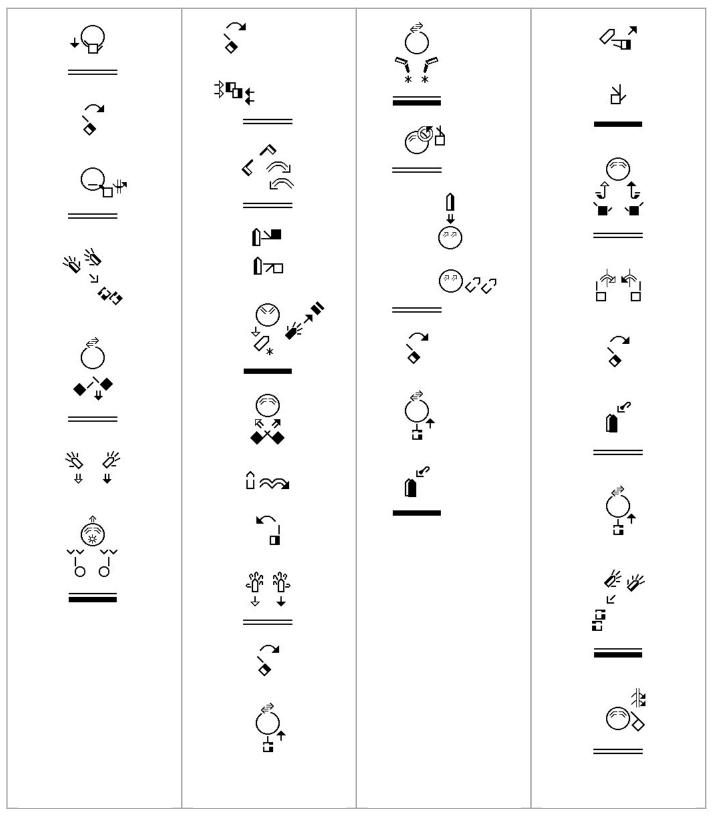
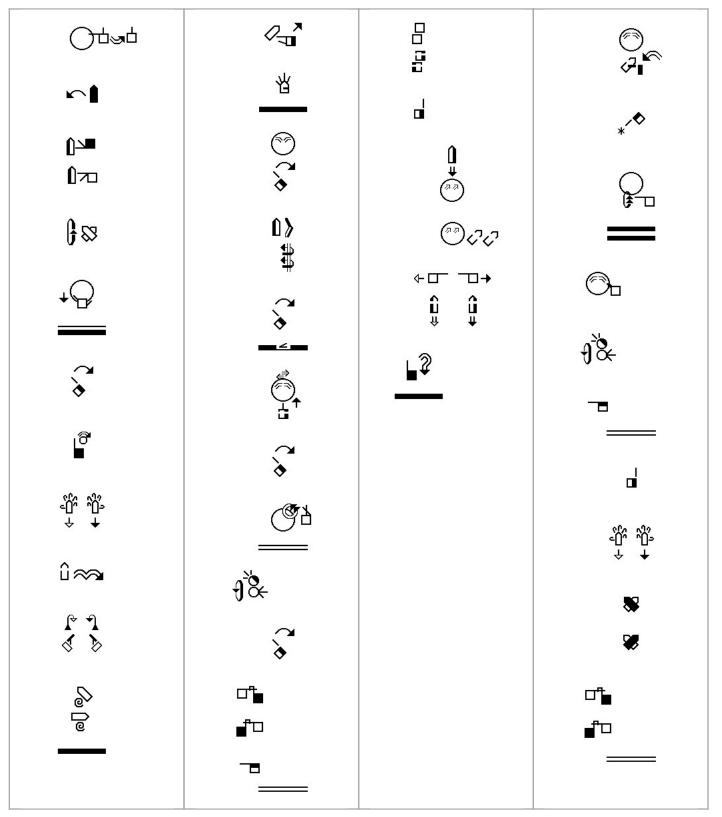


Chapter 4. What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the
evil desires at war within you? Verse 2. You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have,

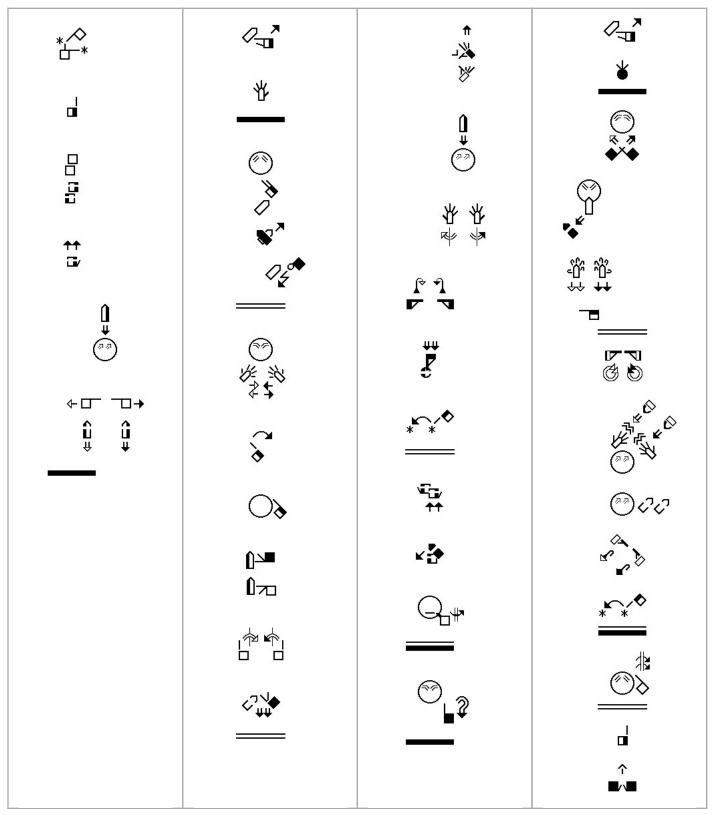
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but you cant get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. Verse 3. And even when you ask, you don't get it NLT

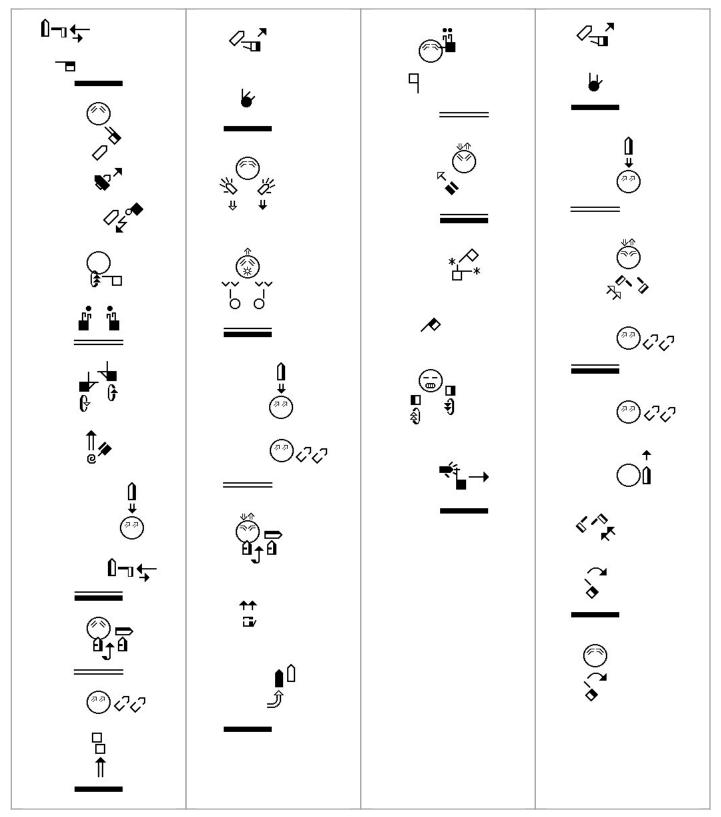


because your motives are all wrong -- you want only what will give you pleasure. Verse
4. You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world,

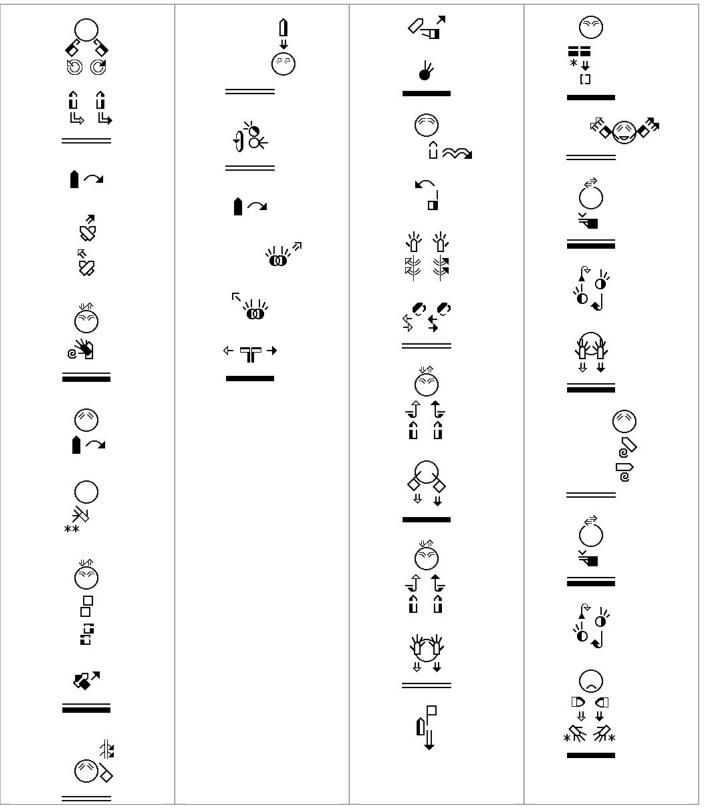


you make yourself an enemy of God. Verse 5. What do you think the Scriptures mean when they say that the spirit God has placed within us is filled with envy? Verse 6. But he gives us even more grace to NLT

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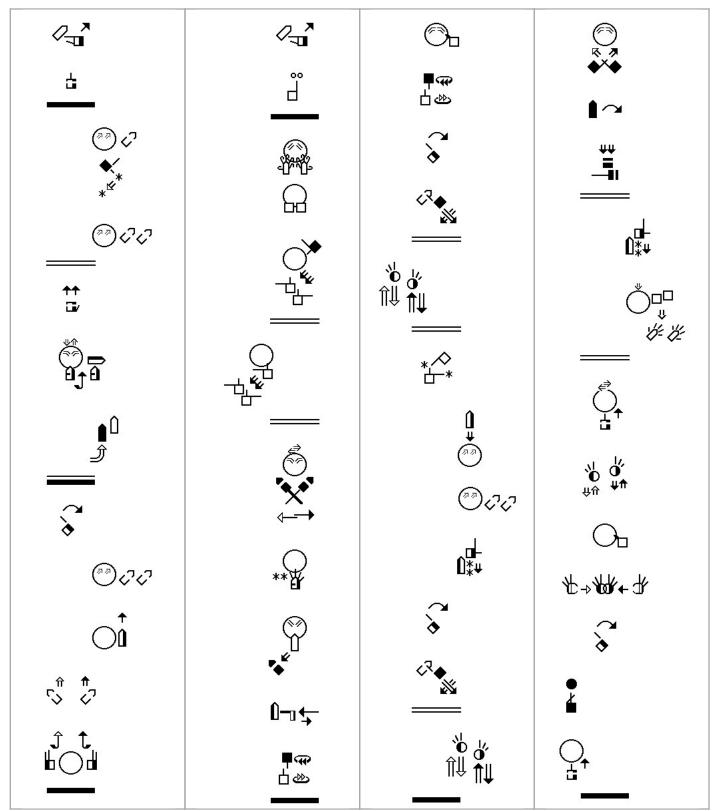
stand against such evil desires. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but
favors the humble." Verse 7. So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Verse 8. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. NLT



Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Verse 9. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy.

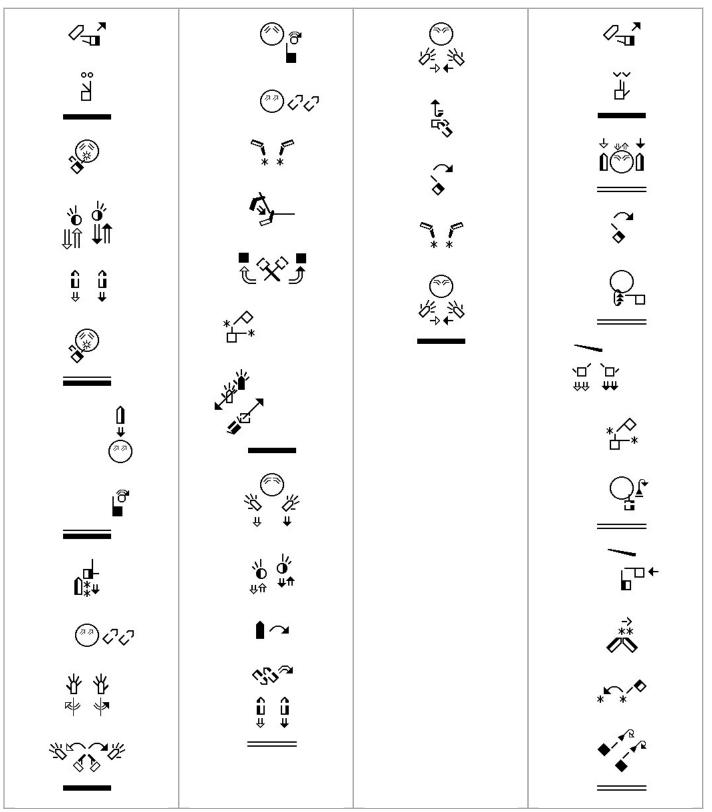
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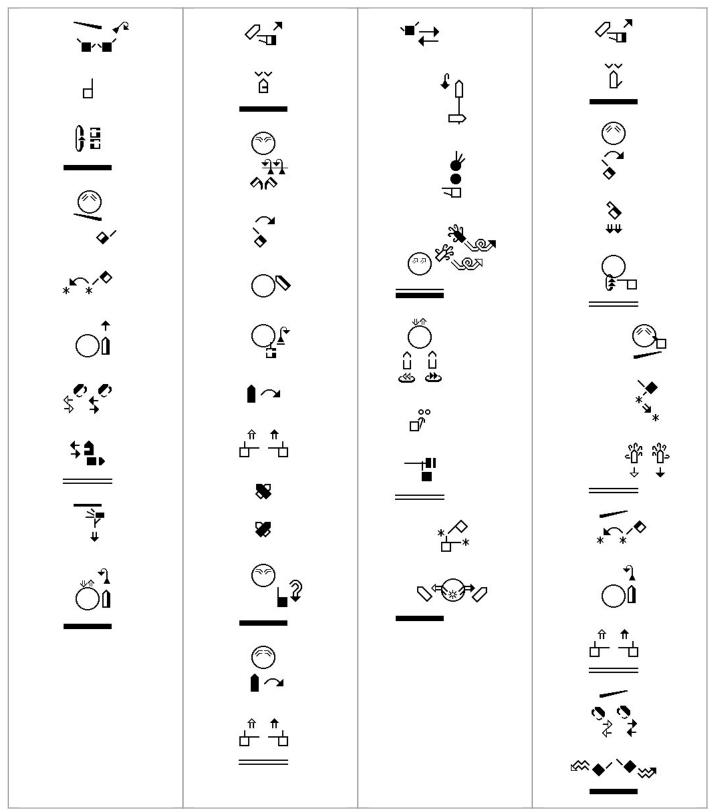


Verse 10. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. Verse 11. Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you.

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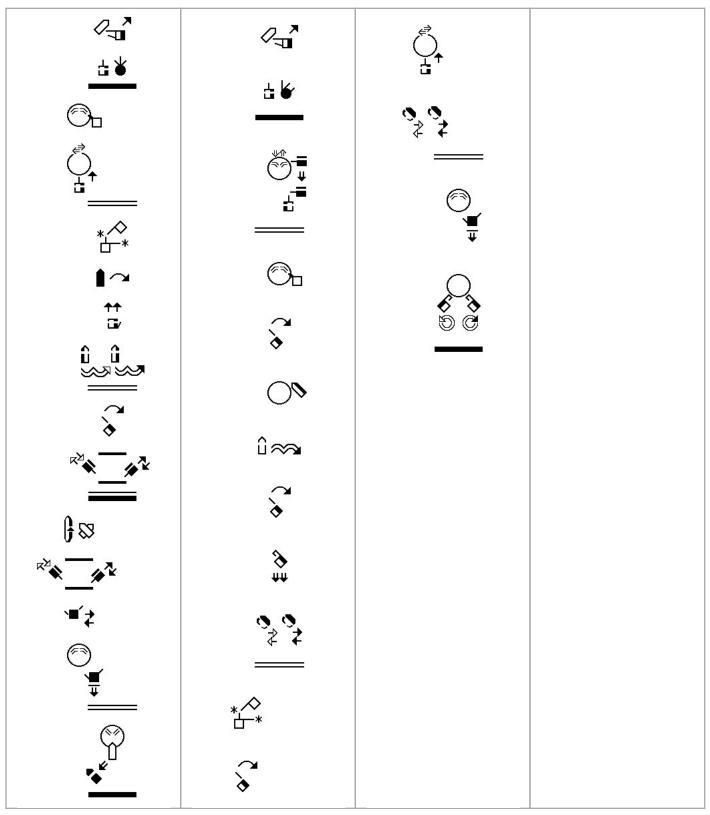


Verse 12. God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor? Verse 13. Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town NLT



and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." Verse 14. How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog -- it's here a little while, then it's gone. Verse 15. What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."

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Verse 16. Otherwise you are boasting about your own plans, and all such boasting is evil. Verse 17. Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it. NLT