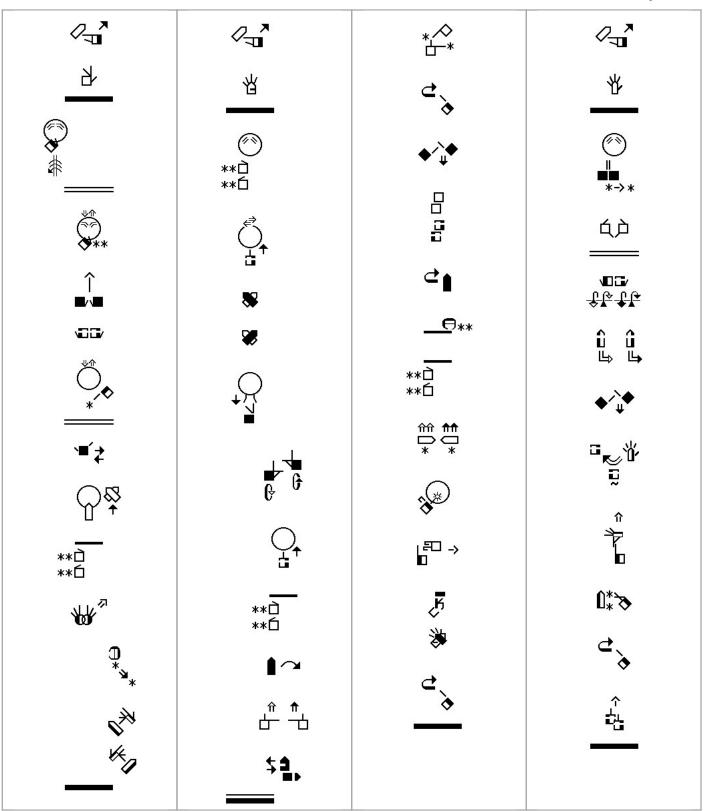
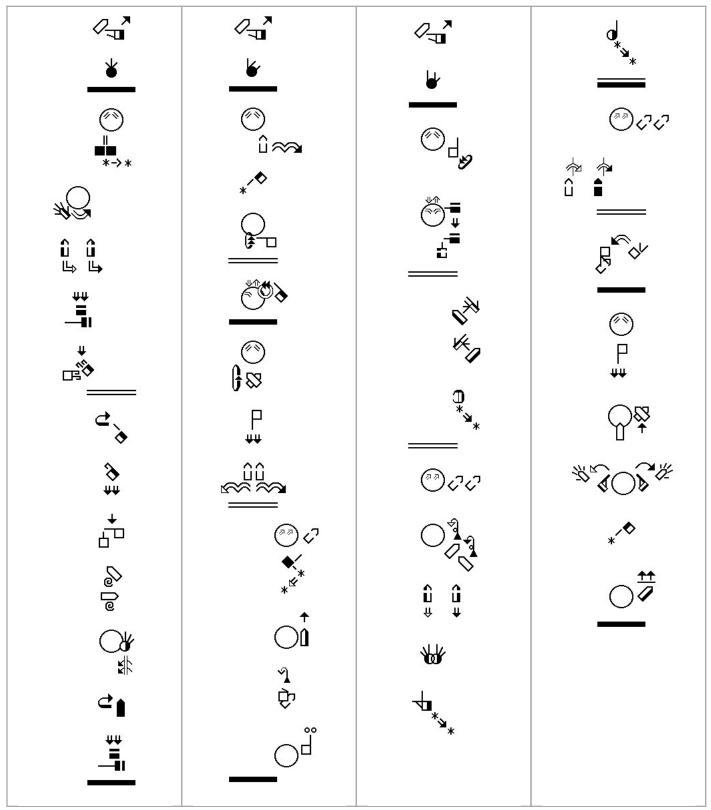


Chapter 2. Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. Verse 2. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

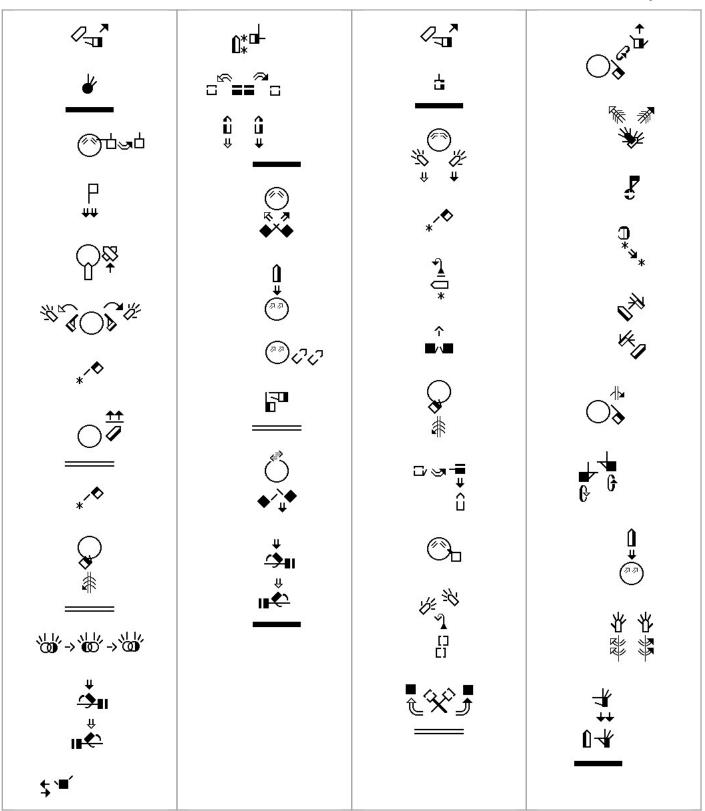
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Verse 3. Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Verse 4. Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. Verse 5. And athletes cannot win the prize unless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

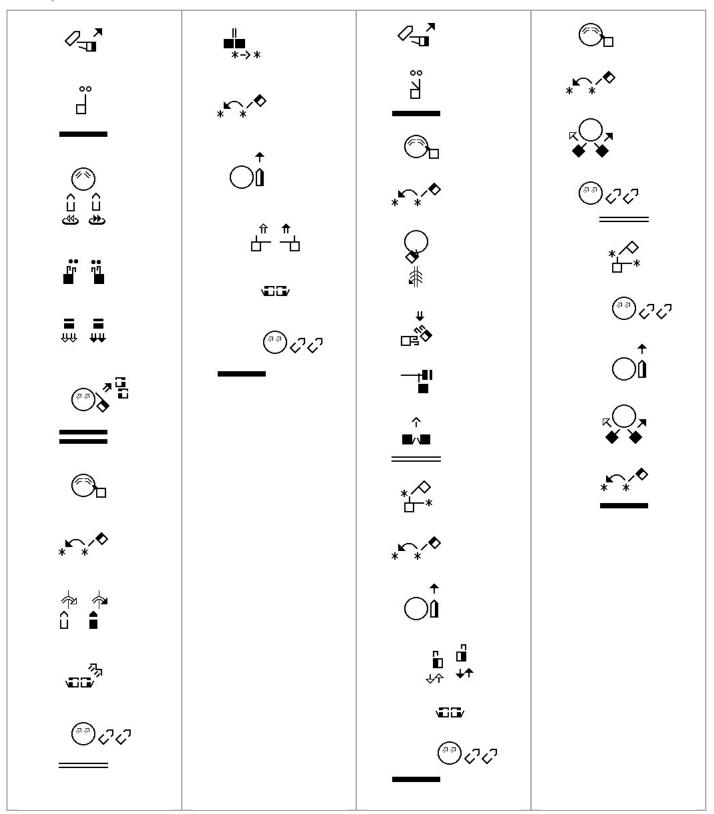


Verse 6. And hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their labor. Verse 7. Think about what I am saying. The Lord will help you understand all these things. Verse 8. Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I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

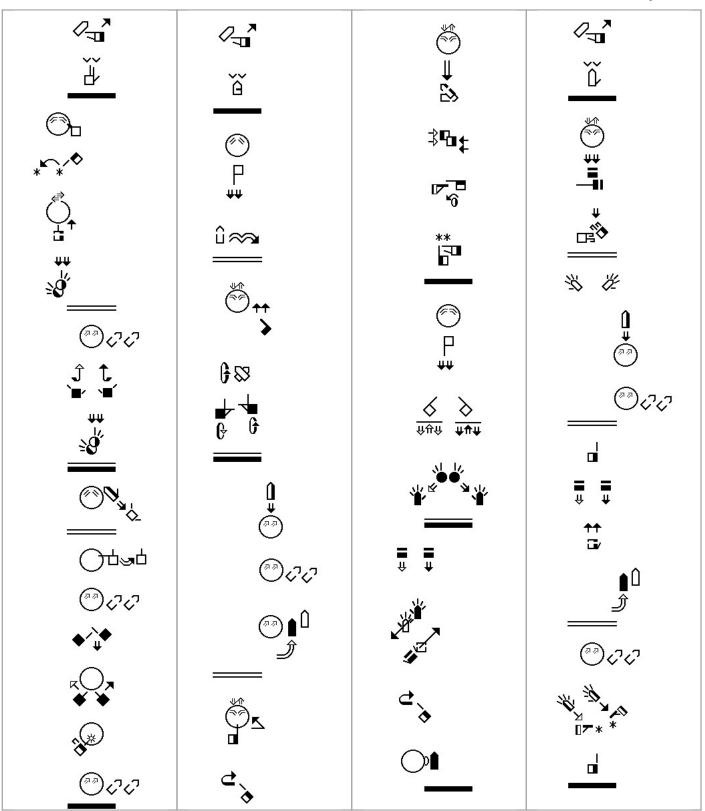


Verse 9. And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained. Verse 10. So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.

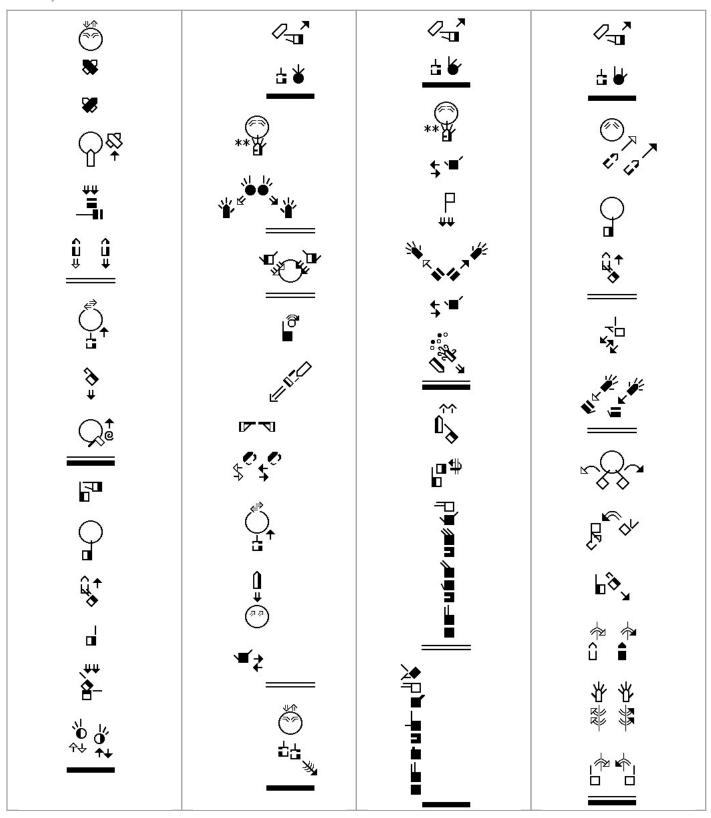
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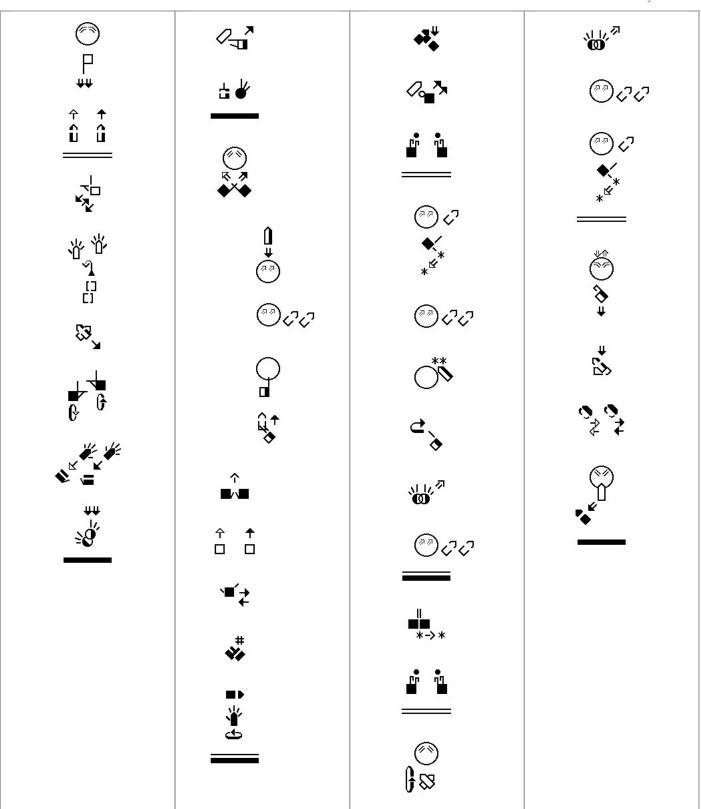
Verse 11. This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him. Verse 12. If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. NLT

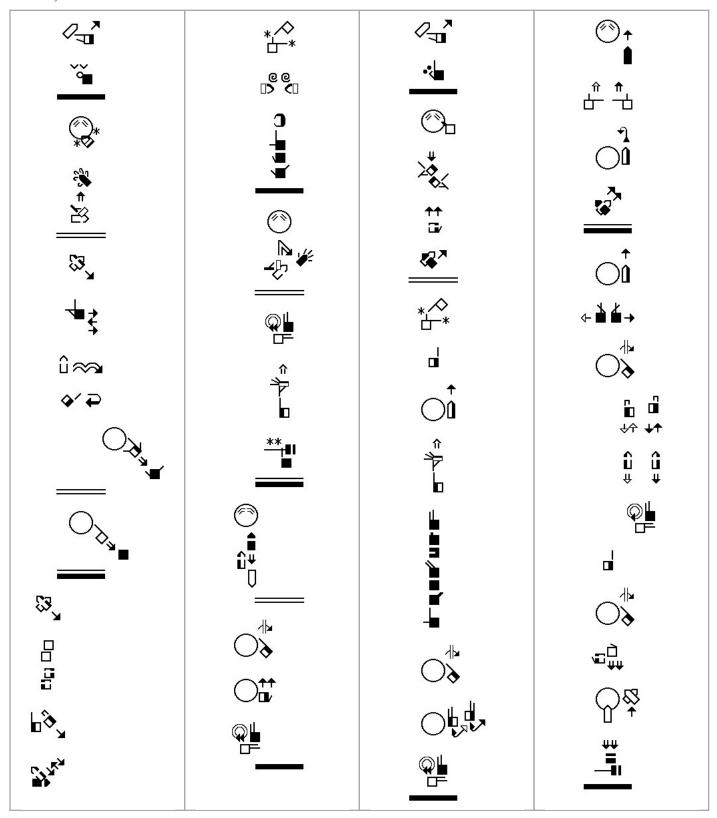


Verse 13. If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is. Verse 14. Remind everyone about these things, and command them in God's presence to stop fighting over words. Such arguments are useless, and they can ruin those who hear them. Verse 15. Work hard so you can present yourself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

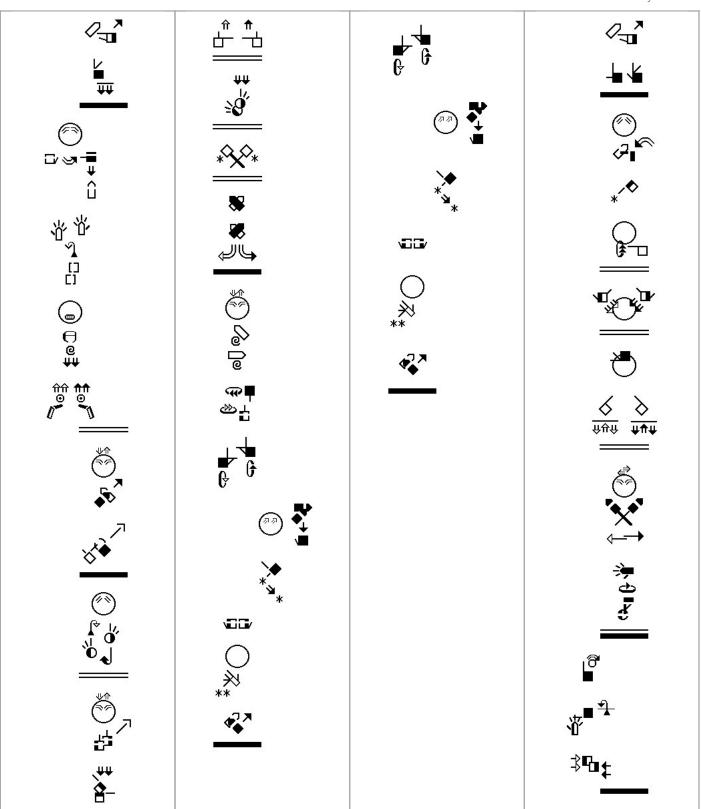


Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. Verse 16. Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior. Verse 17. This kind of talk spreads like cancer, as in the case of Hymenaeus and Philetus. Verse 18. They have left the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

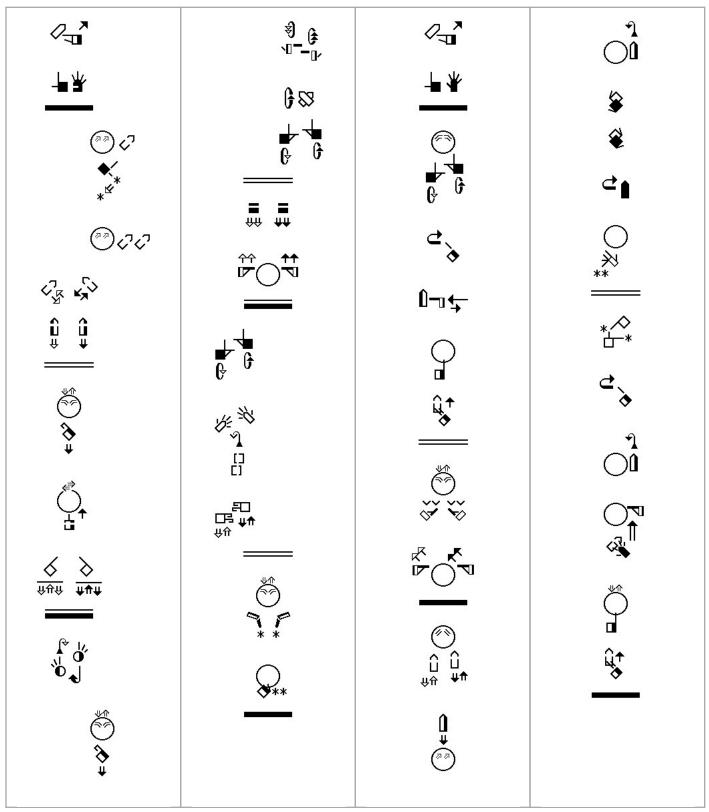




Verse 20. In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. Verse 21. If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will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