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14 For I have a great sense of obligation to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike. 15 So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News. 16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. NLT

Romans 1:16-17

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Romans 1:20

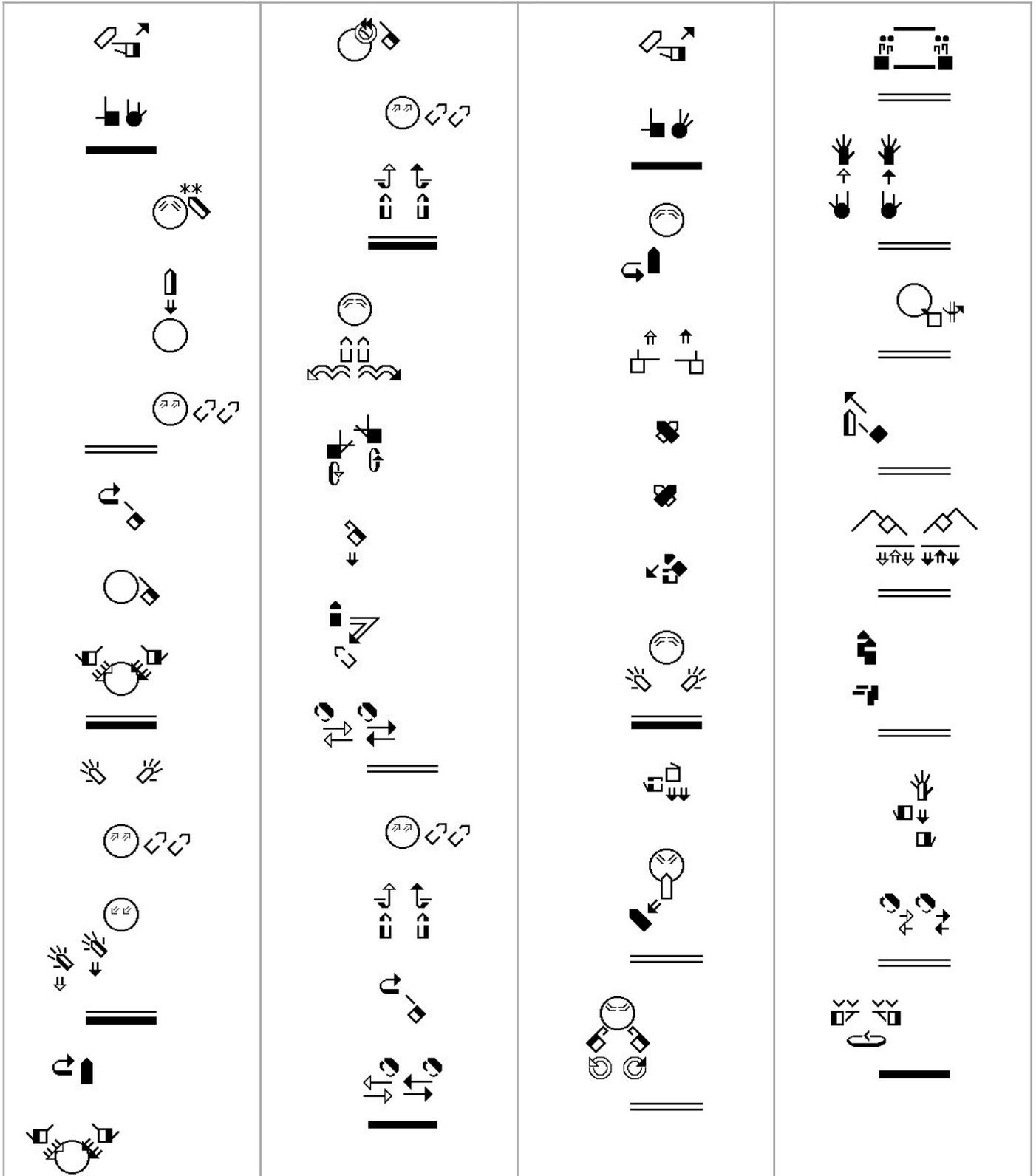
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Romans 1:26-27

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Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. 27 And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. NLT



28 Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. 29 Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. NLT

Romans 1:30-32

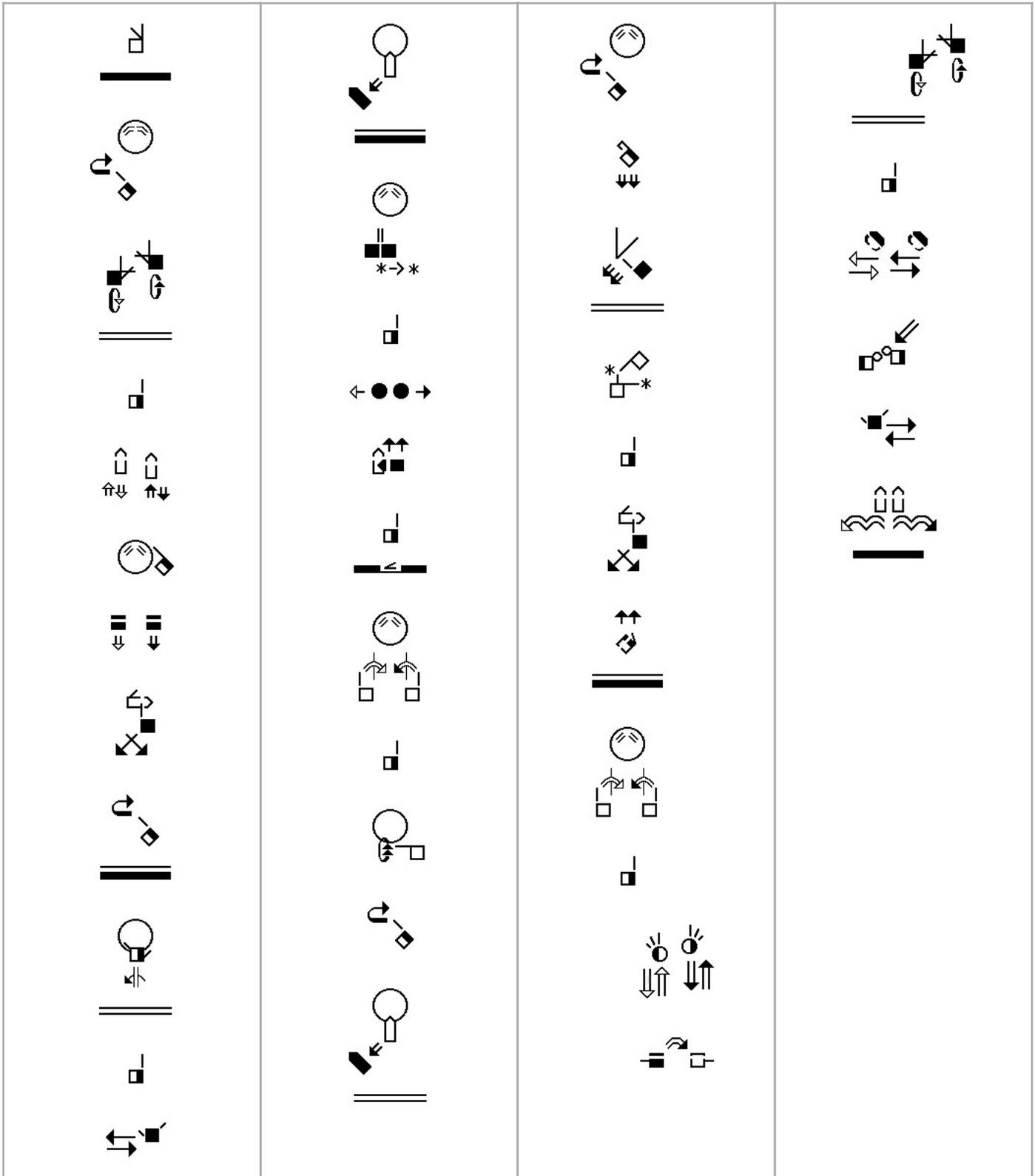
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30 They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. 31 They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. 32 They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, NLT

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yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too. NLT

Romans 2:1



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2 You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. NLT

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2 And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. 3 Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things? NLT

Romans 2:4-5

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4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? 5 But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. NLT

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and peace from God for all who do good -- for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. 11 For God does not show favoritism. 12 When the Gentiles sin, they will be destroyed, even though they never had God's written law. And the Jews, NLT

Romans 2:12-13

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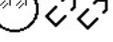
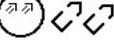
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14 Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. 15 They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right. NLT

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You tell others not to steal, but do you steal? 22 You say it is wrong to commit adultery, but do you commit adultery? You condemn idolatry, but do you use items stolen from pagan temples?23. You are so proud of knowing the law, but NLT

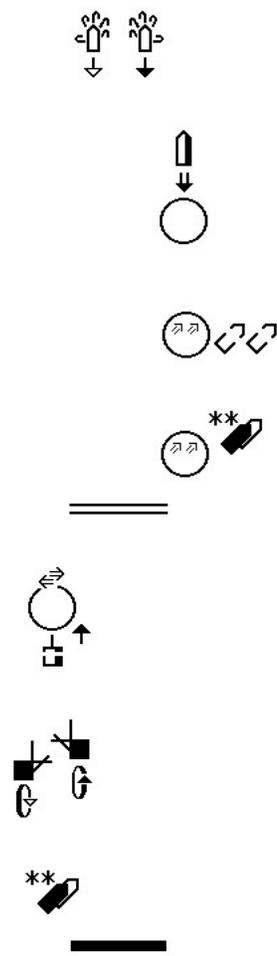
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you obey God's law. But if you don't obey God's law, you are no better off than an uncircumcised Gentile. 26 And if the Gentiles obey God's law, won't God declare them to be his own people?NLT

Romans 2:29

			
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3. Then what's the advantage of being a Jew? Is there any value in the ceremony of circumcision? 2. Yes, there are great benefits! First of all, the Jews were entrusted with the whole revelation of God. NLT

Romans 3:6-7

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6. Of course not! If God were not entirely fair, how would he be qualified to judge the world? 7. "But," someone might still argue, "how can God condemn me as a sinner if my dishonesty highlights his truthfulness and brings him more glory?" NLT

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8. And some people even slander us by claiming that we say, "The more we sin, the better it is!" Those who say such things deserve to be condemned. 9. Well then, should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews

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Romans 3:15-18

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Romans 3:21-22

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21. But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. NLT

Romans 3:27-29

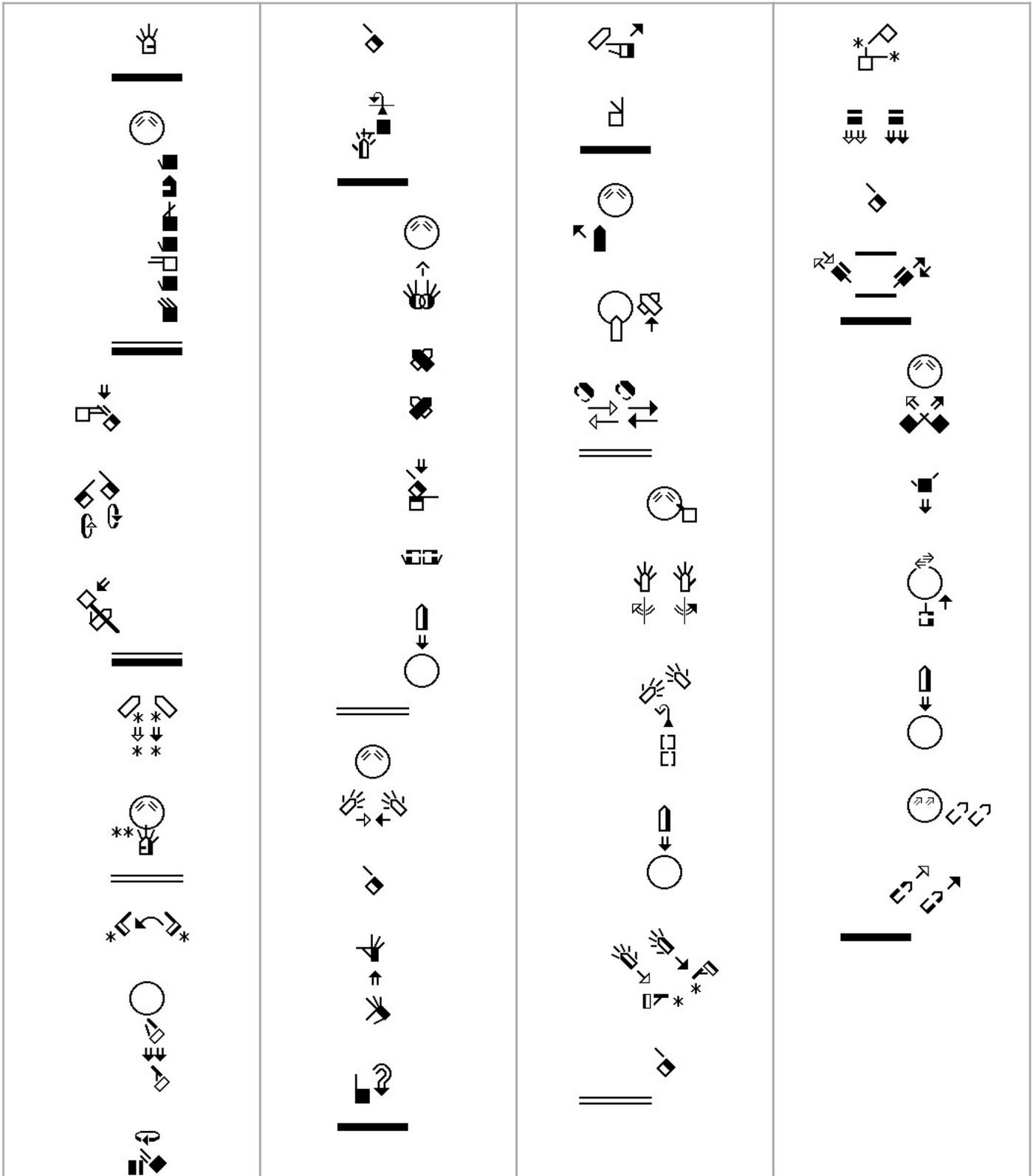
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No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. 28. So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law. 29. After all, is God the God of the Jews only? Isn't he also the God of the Gentiles? Of course he is. NLT

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30. There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles. 31. Well then, if we emphasize faith, does this mean that we can forget about the law? Of course not! In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfill the law. NLT

Romans 4:1-2



4 Abraham was, humanly speaking, the founder of our Jewish nation. What did he discover about being made right with God? 2. If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way. NLT

Romans 4:5-7

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but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners. 6. David also spoke of this when he described the happiness of those who are declared righteous without working for it: 7. "Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, NLT

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whose sins are put out of sight." 8. "Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of sin." 9. Now, is this blessing only for the Jews, or is it also for uncircumcised Gentiles? Well, we have been saying NLT

Romans 4:9-10

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that Abraham was counted as righteous by God because of his faith. 10. But how did this happen? Was he counted as righteous only after he was circumcised, or was it before he was circumcised? Clearly, God accepted Abraham before he was circumcised! NLT

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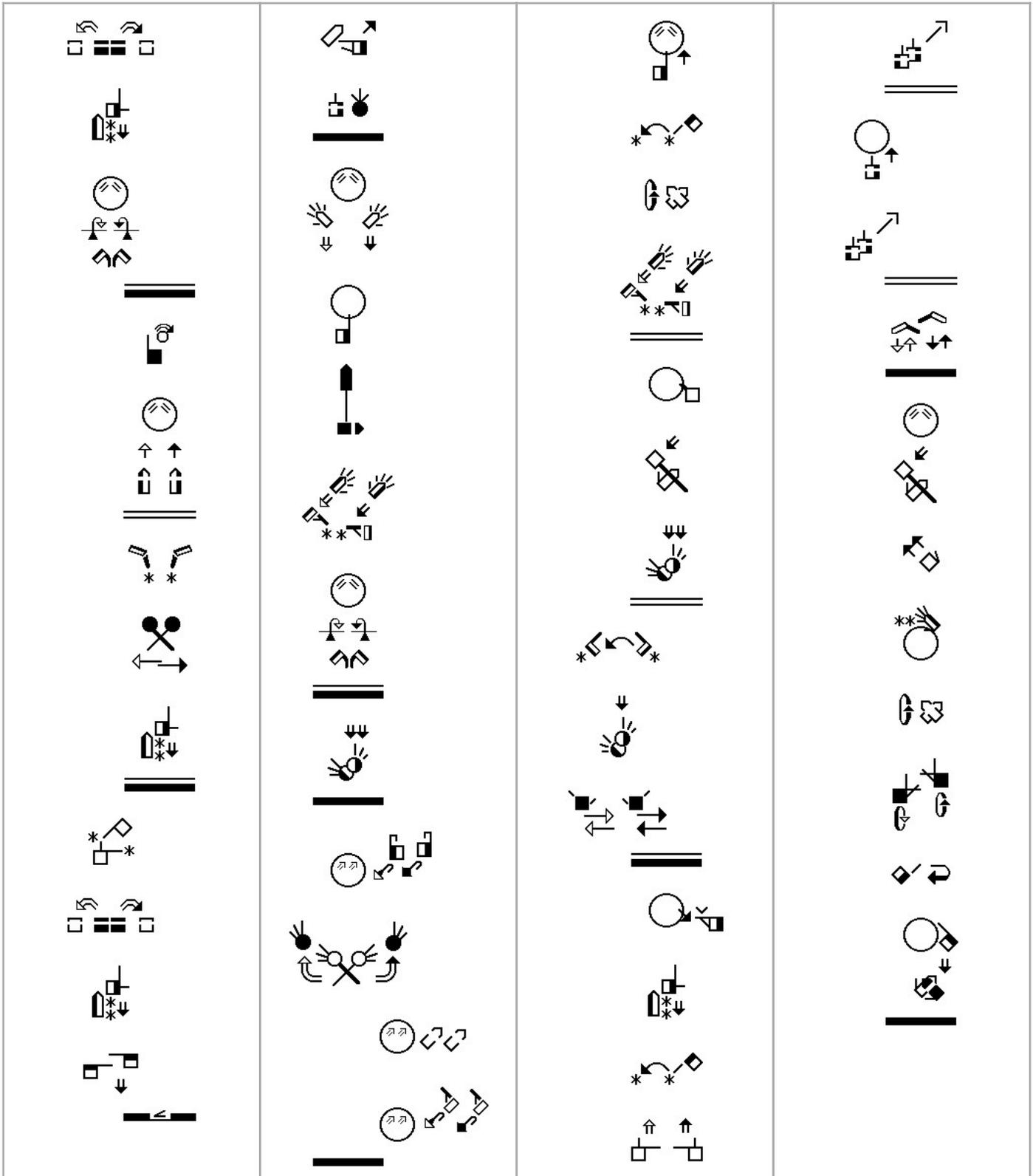
11. Circumcision was a sign that Abraham already had faith and that God had already accepted him and declared him to be righteous -- even before he was circumcised. So Abraham is the spiritual father of those who have faith but have not been circumcised. They are counted as righteous because of their faith. NLT

Romans 4:12-13

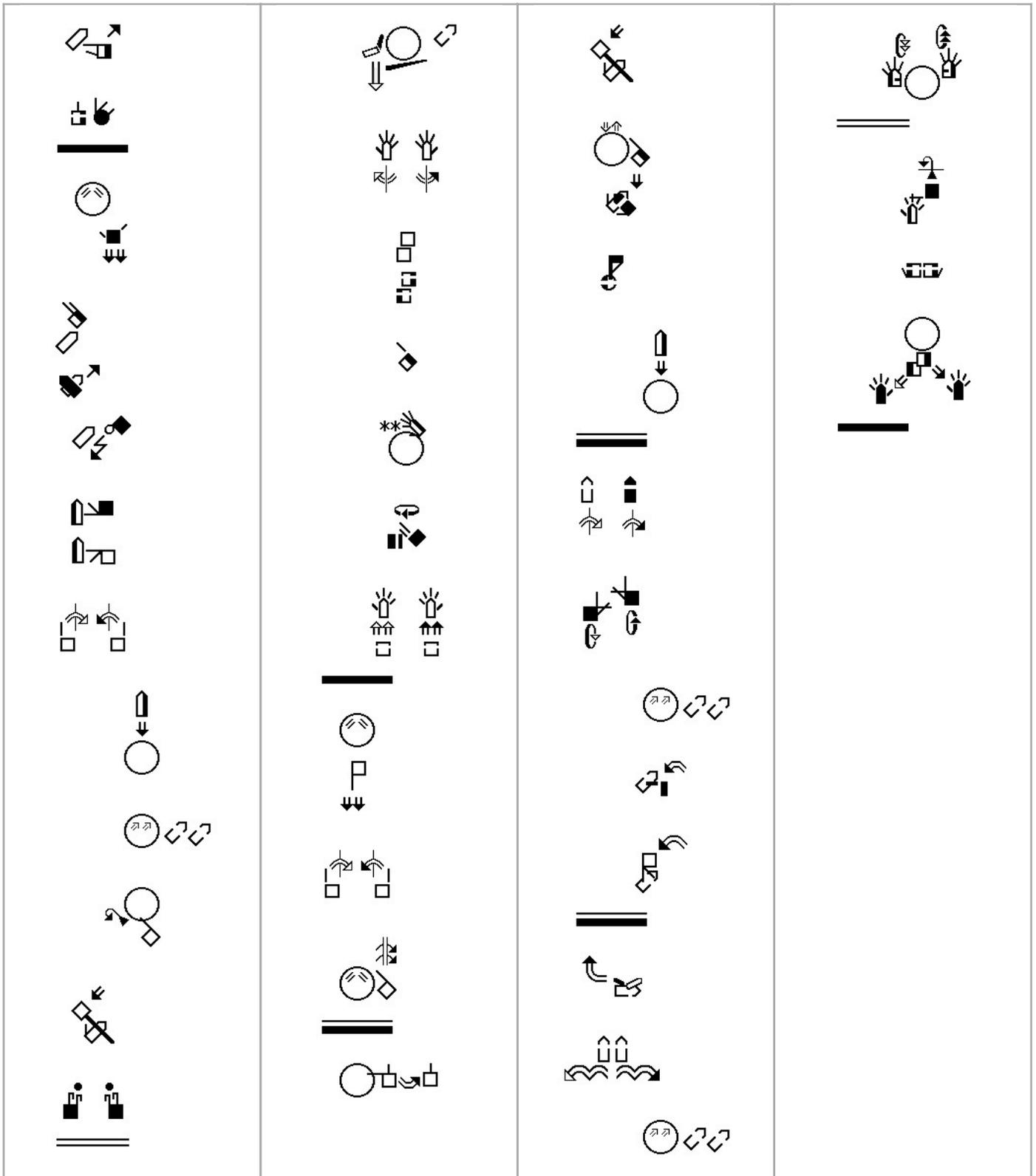
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12. And Abraham is also the spiritual father of those who have been circumcised, but only if they have the same kind of faith Abraham had before he was circumcised. 13. Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, NLT

Romans 4:15-16



(The only way to avoid breaking the law is to have no law to break!) 16. So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. NLT

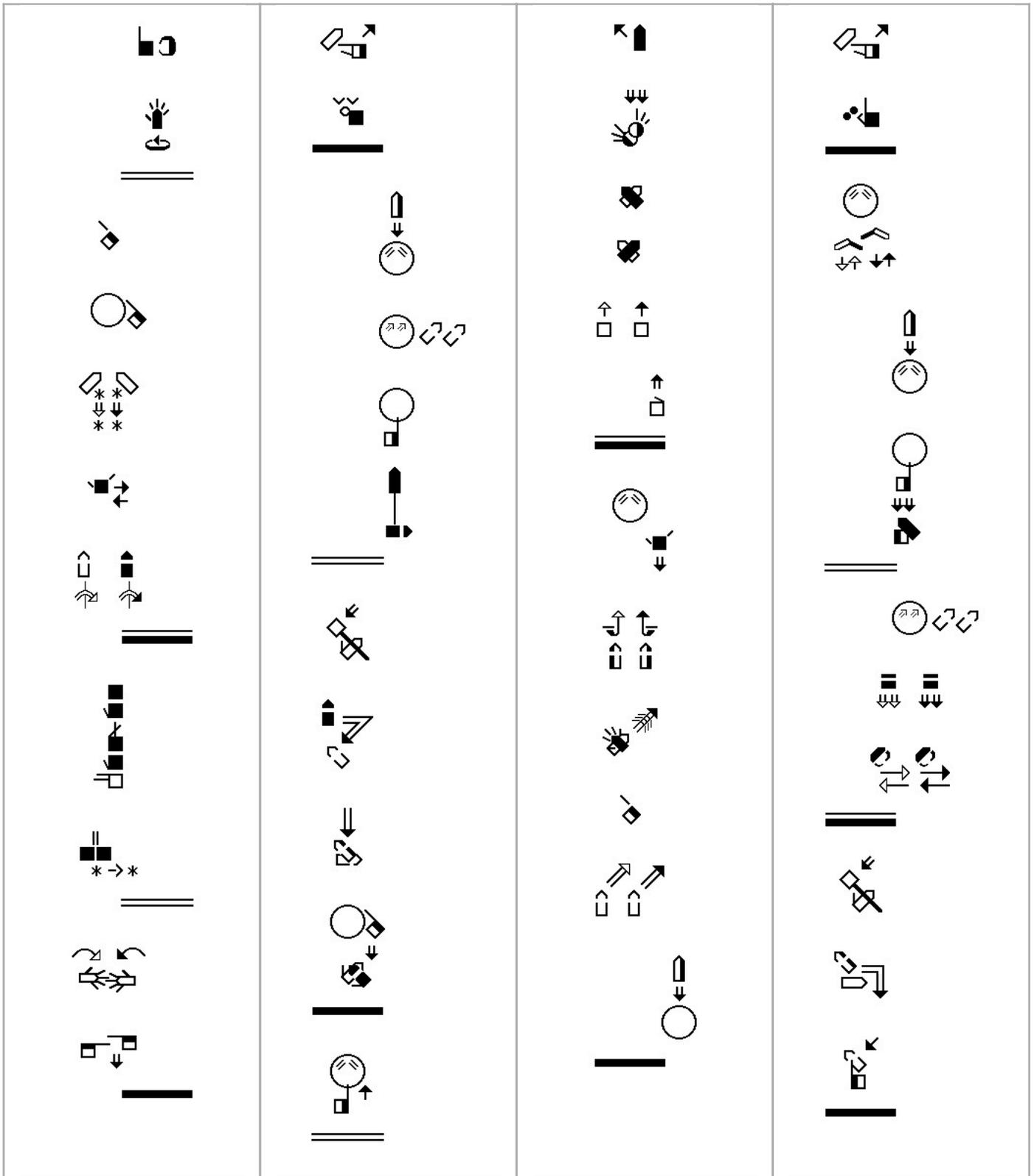


17. That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. NLT

Romans 4:18-19

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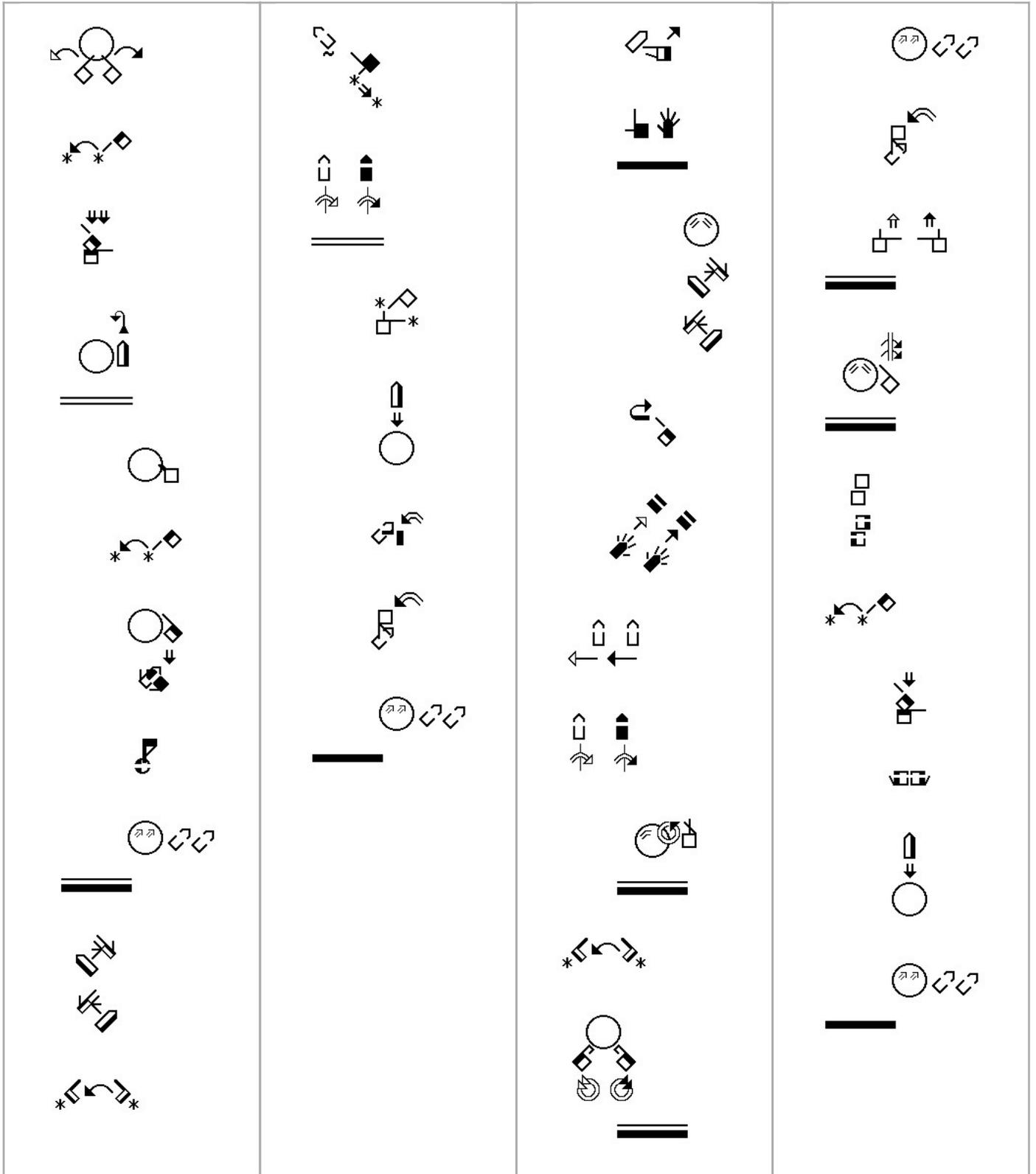
18. Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping -- believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" 19. And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, NLT



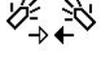
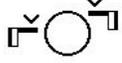
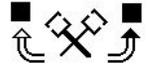
at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead -- and so was Sarah's womb. 20. Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. 21. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. NLT

Romans 4:22-24

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count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25. He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God. NLT

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3. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. NLT

Romans 5:5-6

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will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. 11. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. 12. When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. NLT

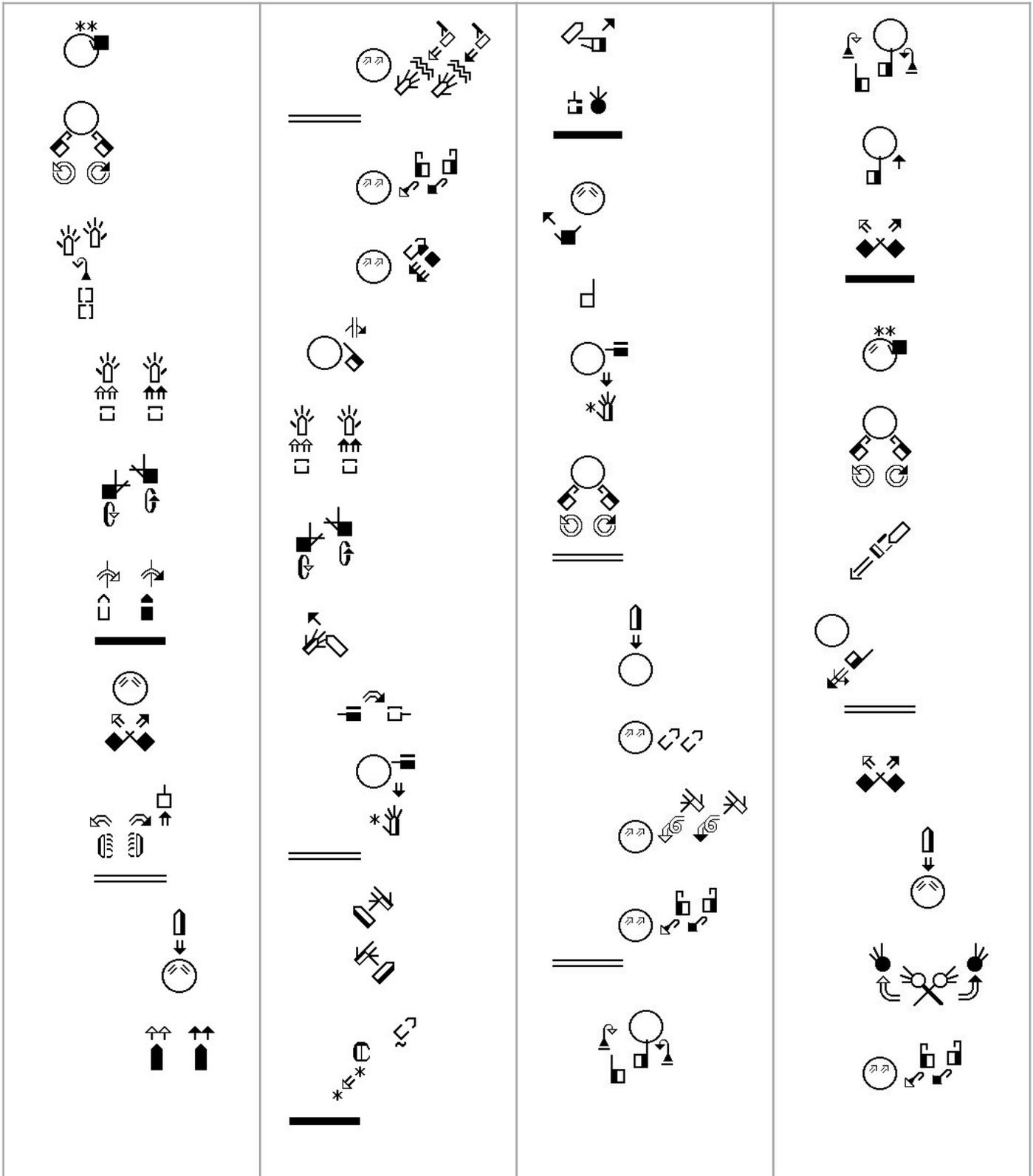
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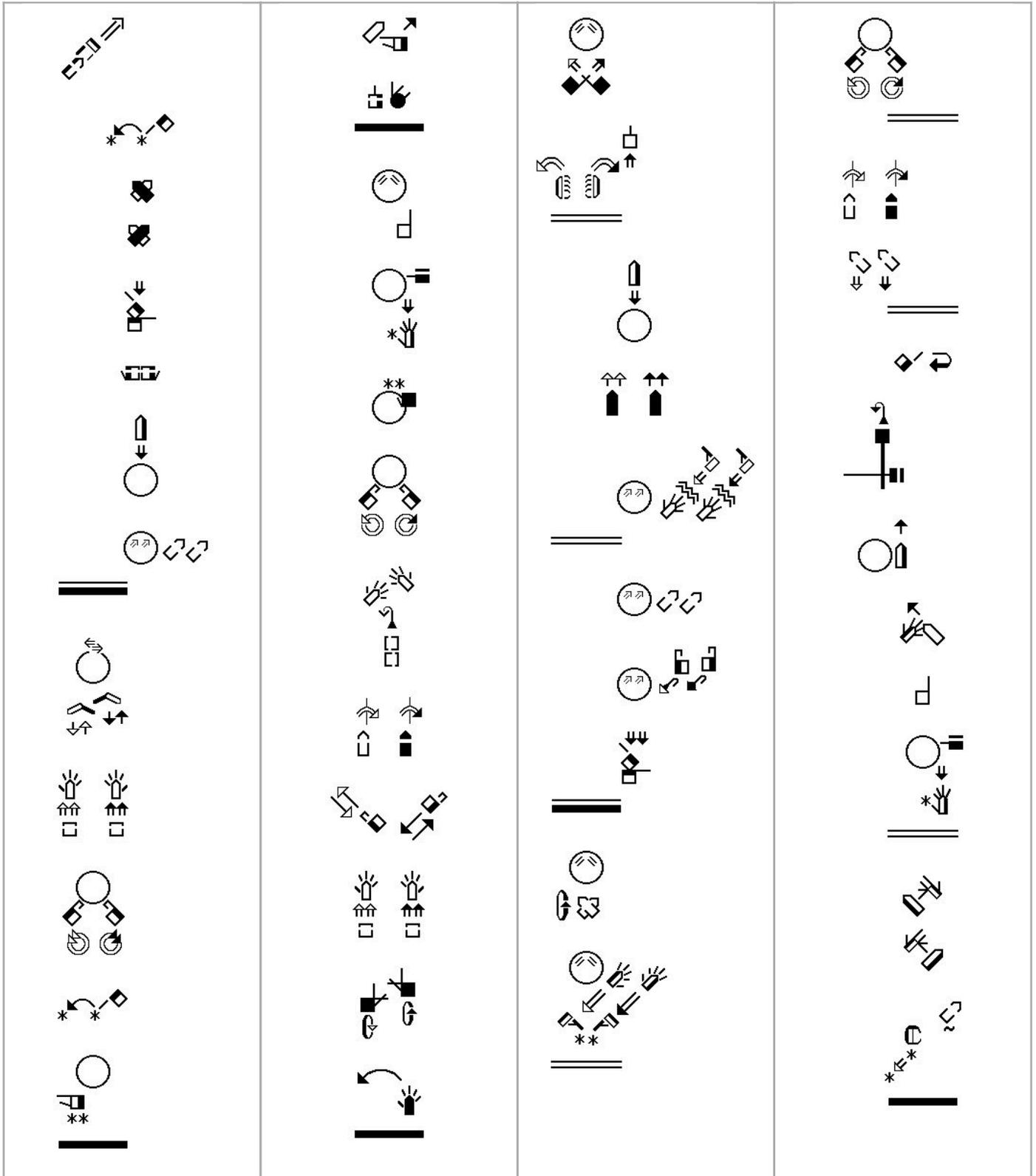
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14. Still, everyone died -- from the time of Adam to the time of Moses -- even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. 15. But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. NLT

Romans 5:15-16



For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. 16. And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift NLT



leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. 17. For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. NLT

Romans 5:18-19

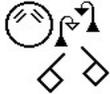
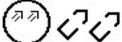
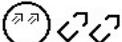
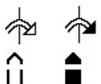
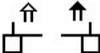
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6 Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? 2. Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?3. Or have you forgotten that when we NLT

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5. Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. 6. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. NLT

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Death no longer has any power over him. 10. When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. 11. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin NLT

Romans 6:14-16

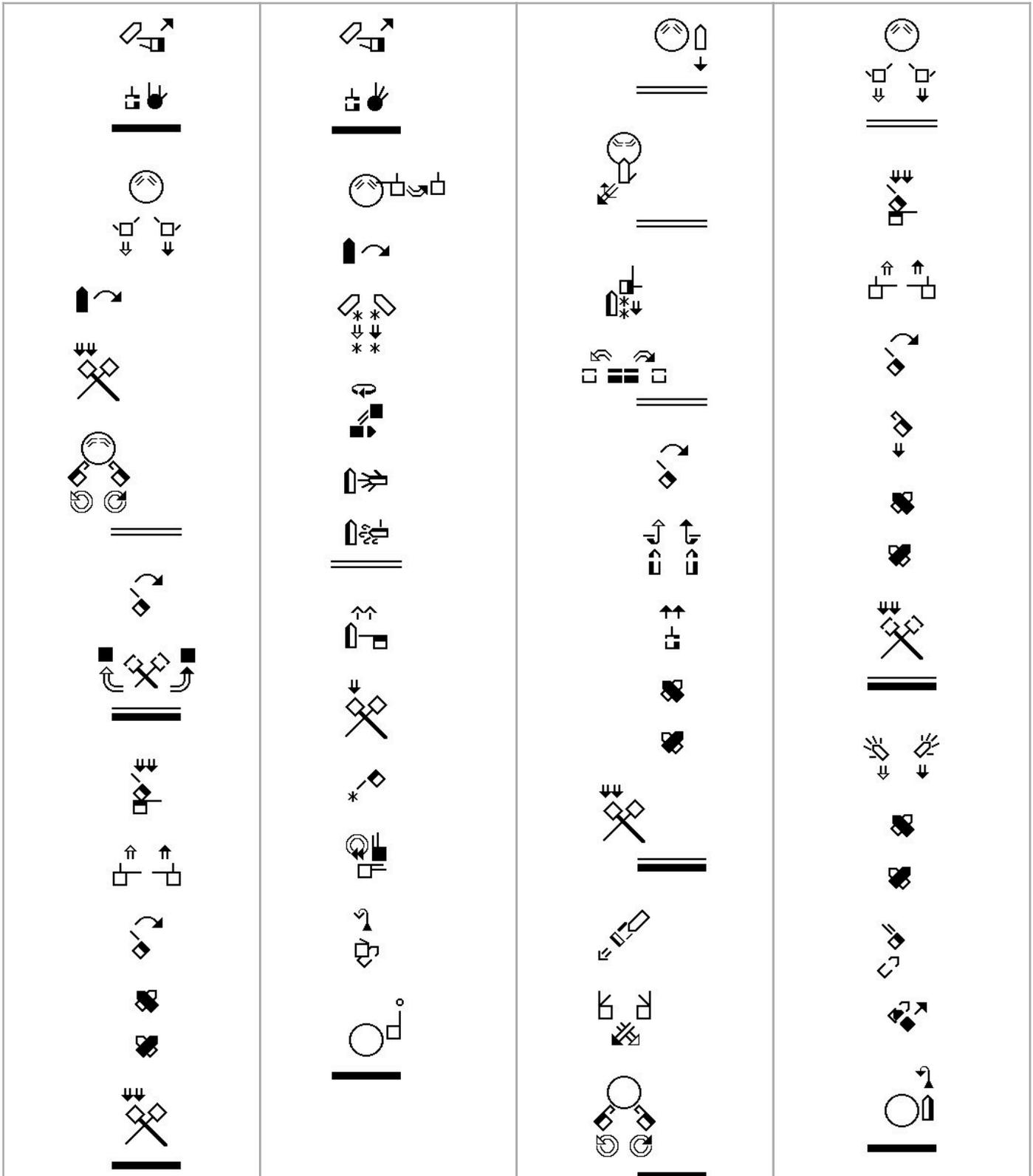
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you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace. 15. Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! 16. Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you NLT

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choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. 17. Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. NLT

Romans 6:18-19



18. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. 19. Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy. NLT

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20. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. 21. And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. 22. But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves

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Romans 6:22-23

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Romans 7:3-4

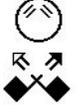
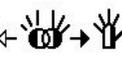
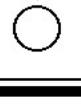
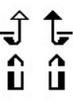
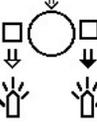
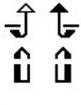
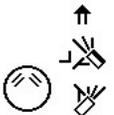
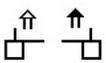
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she would be committing adultery if she married another man. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law and does not commit adultery when she remarries. 4. So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. NLT

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And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God. 5. When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death. NLT

Romans 7:6

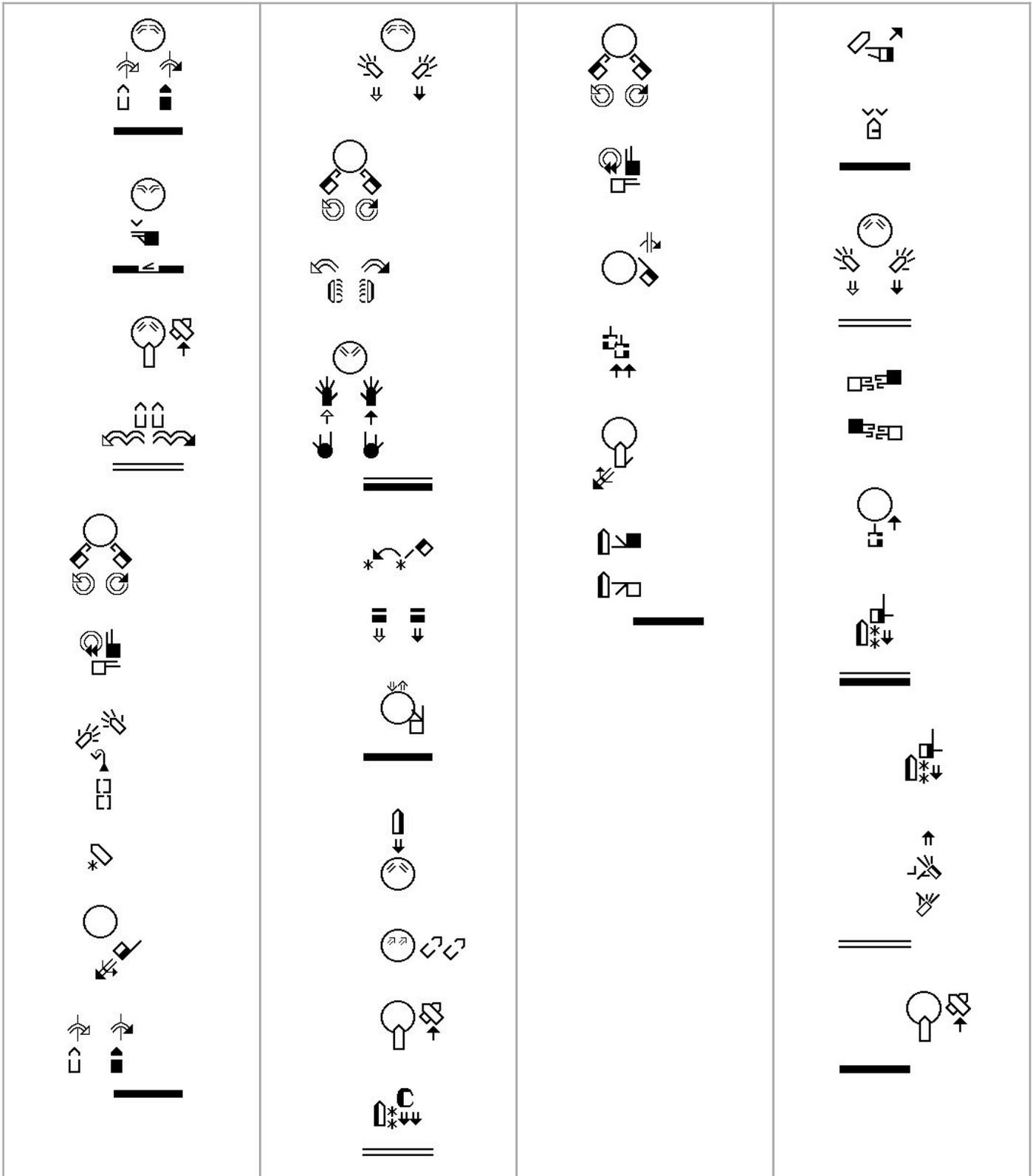
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Romans 7:8-10

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arouse all kinds of covetous desires within me! If there were no law, sin would not have that power. 9. At one time I lived without understanding the law. But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life, 10. and I died. So I discovered that the law's NLT

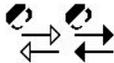
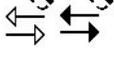
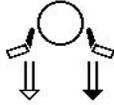
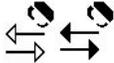
Romans 7:13-14



death? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation to death. So we can see how terrible sin really is. It uses God's good commands for its own evil purposes. 14. So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. NLT

Romans 7:16-18

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19. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. 20. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. NLT

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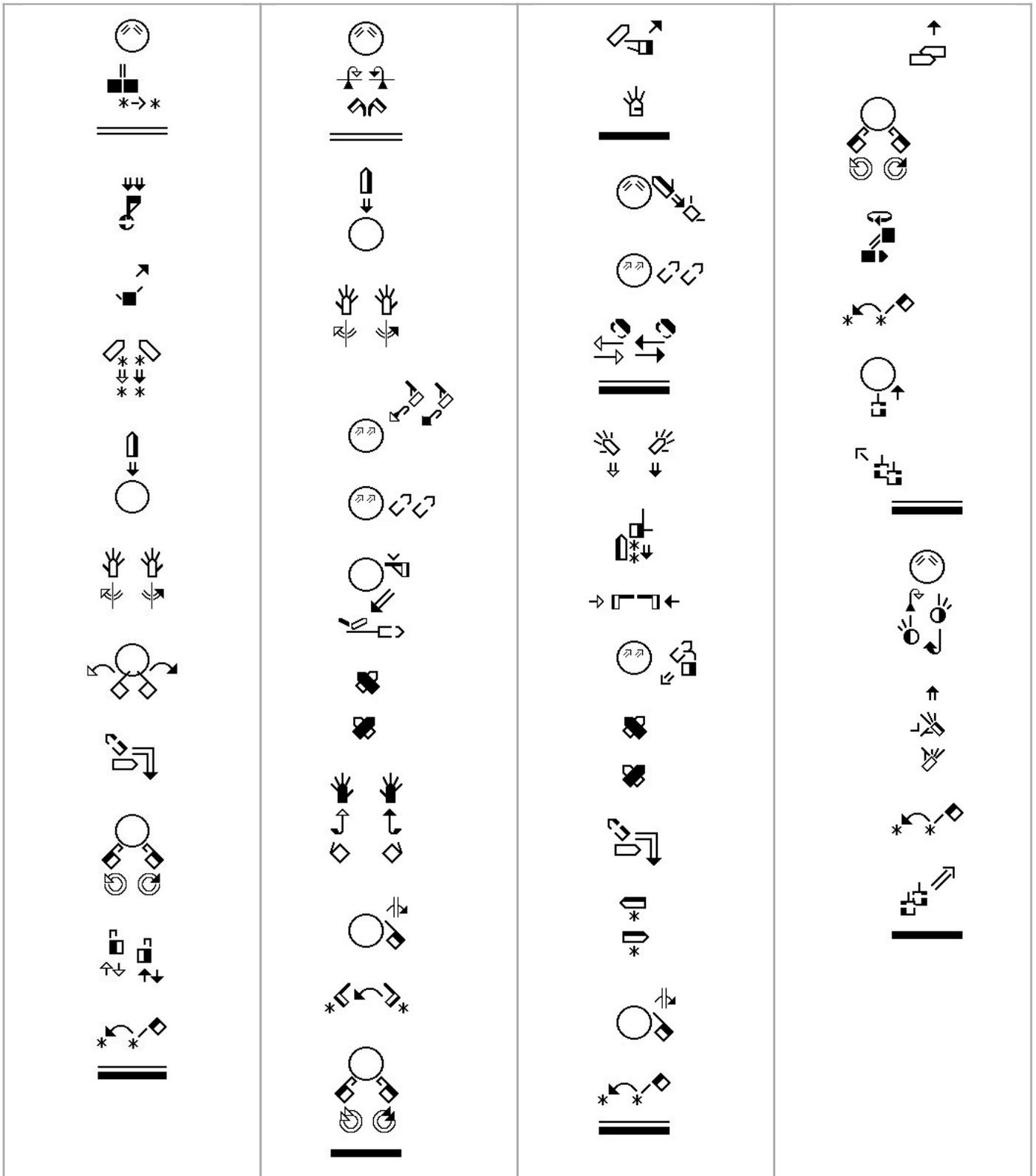
This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. 24. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? 25. Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. NLT

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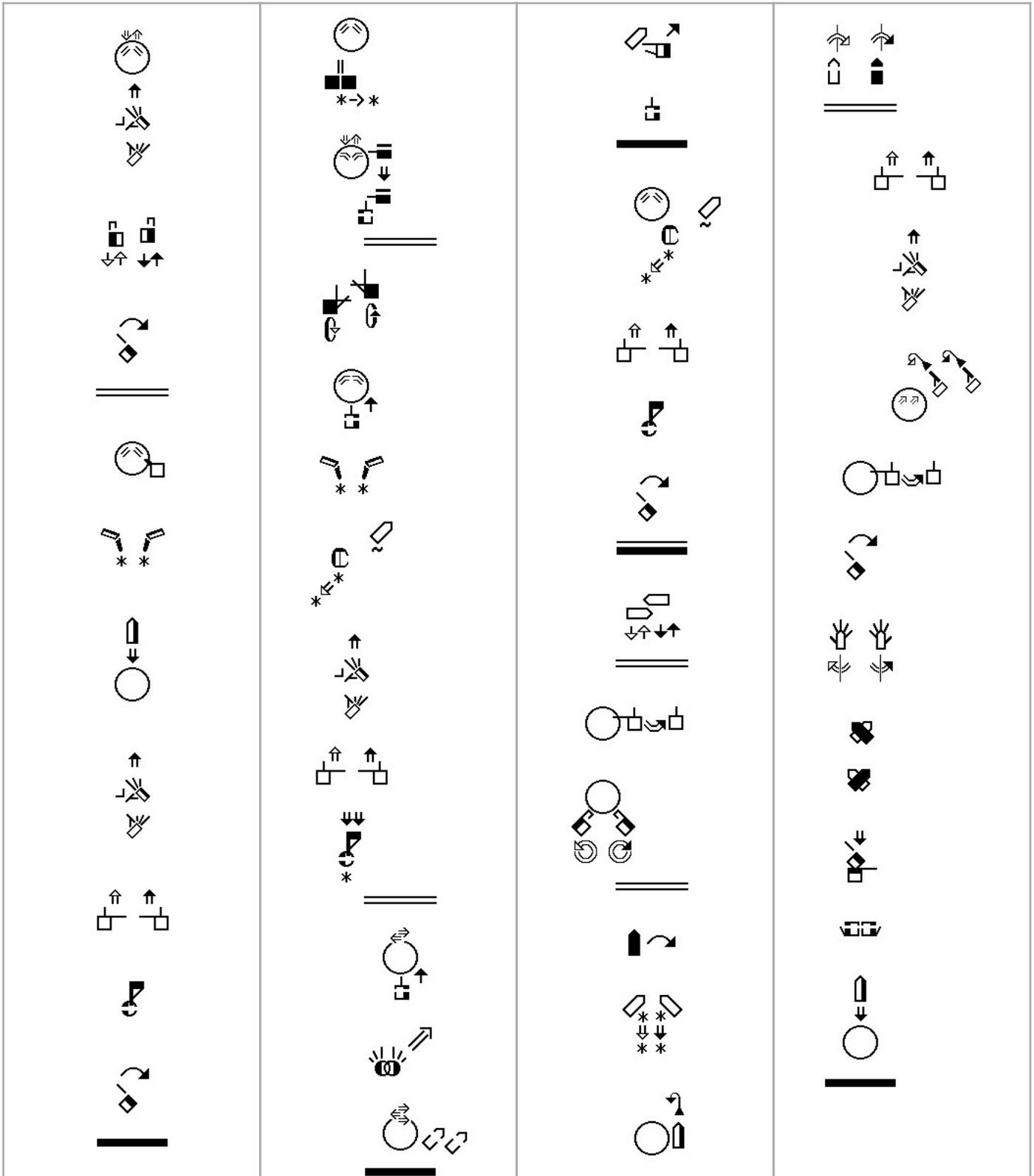
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And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. 4. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.
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Romans 8:9-10

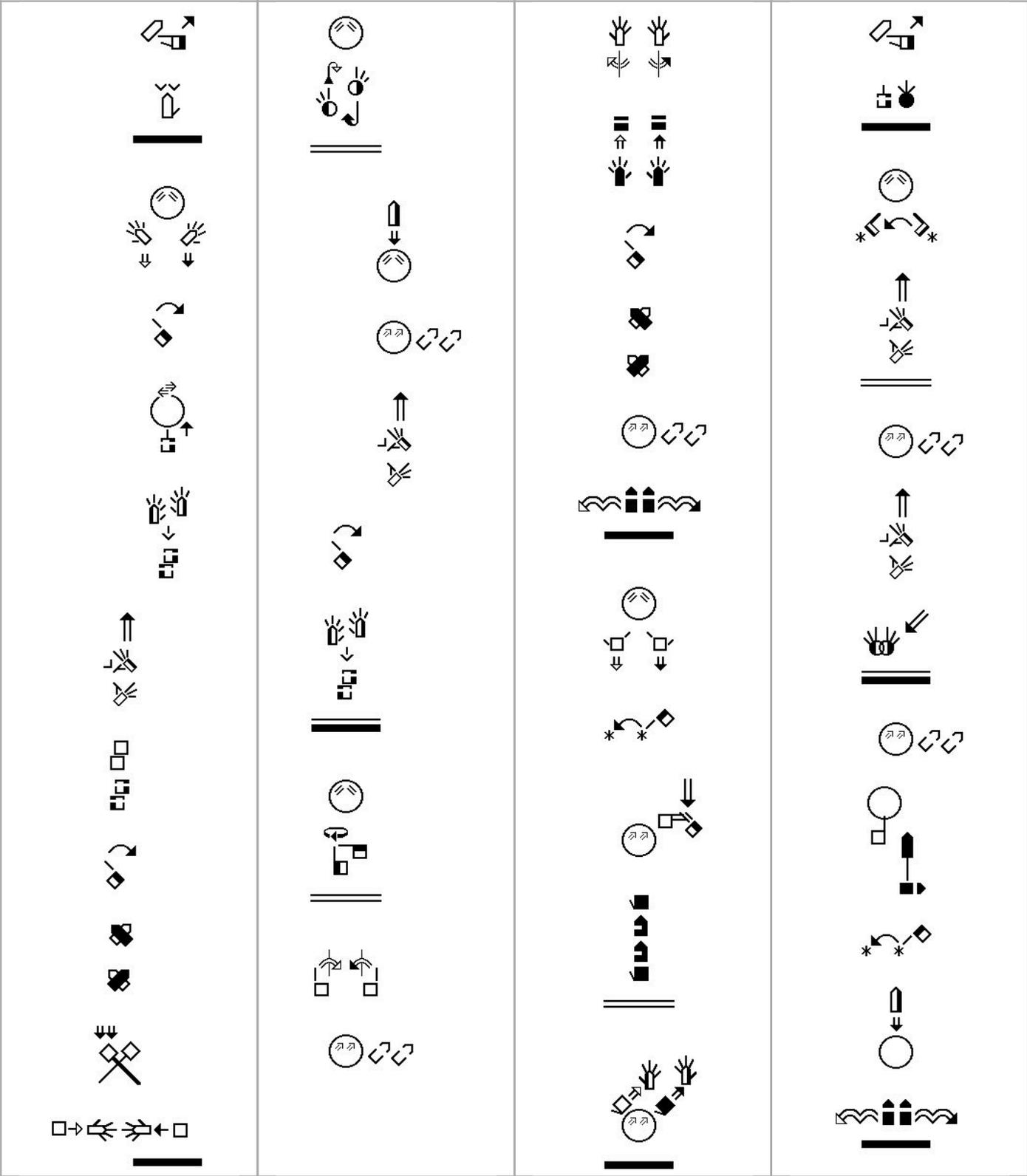


You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) 10. And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. NLT

Romans 8:12-14

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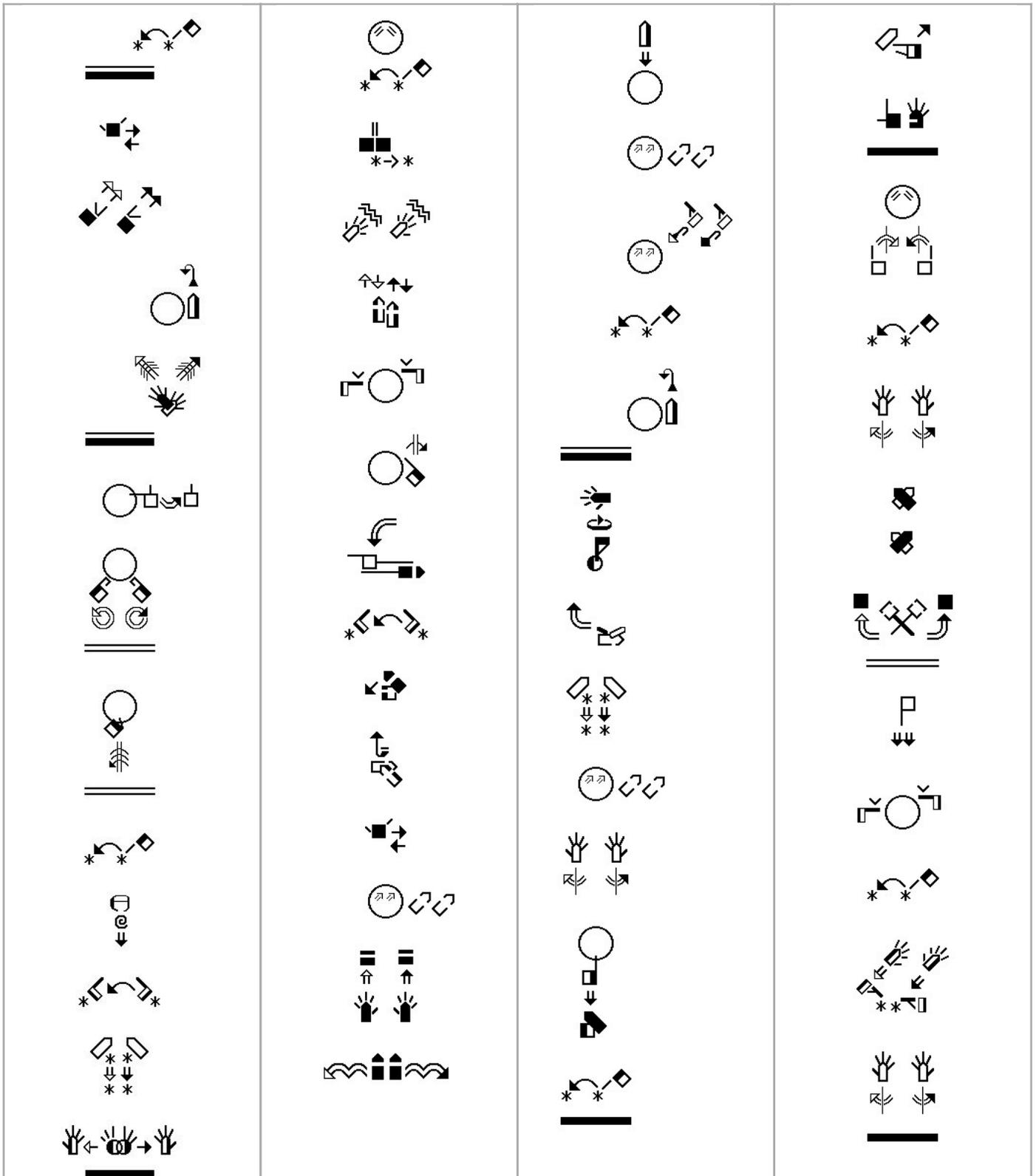
you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. 13. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. 14. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. NLT



15. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16. For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.
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19. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. 20. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, NLT



us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. 24. We were given this hope when we were saved. NLT

Romans 8:24-26

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(If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. 25. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.) 26. And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit NLT

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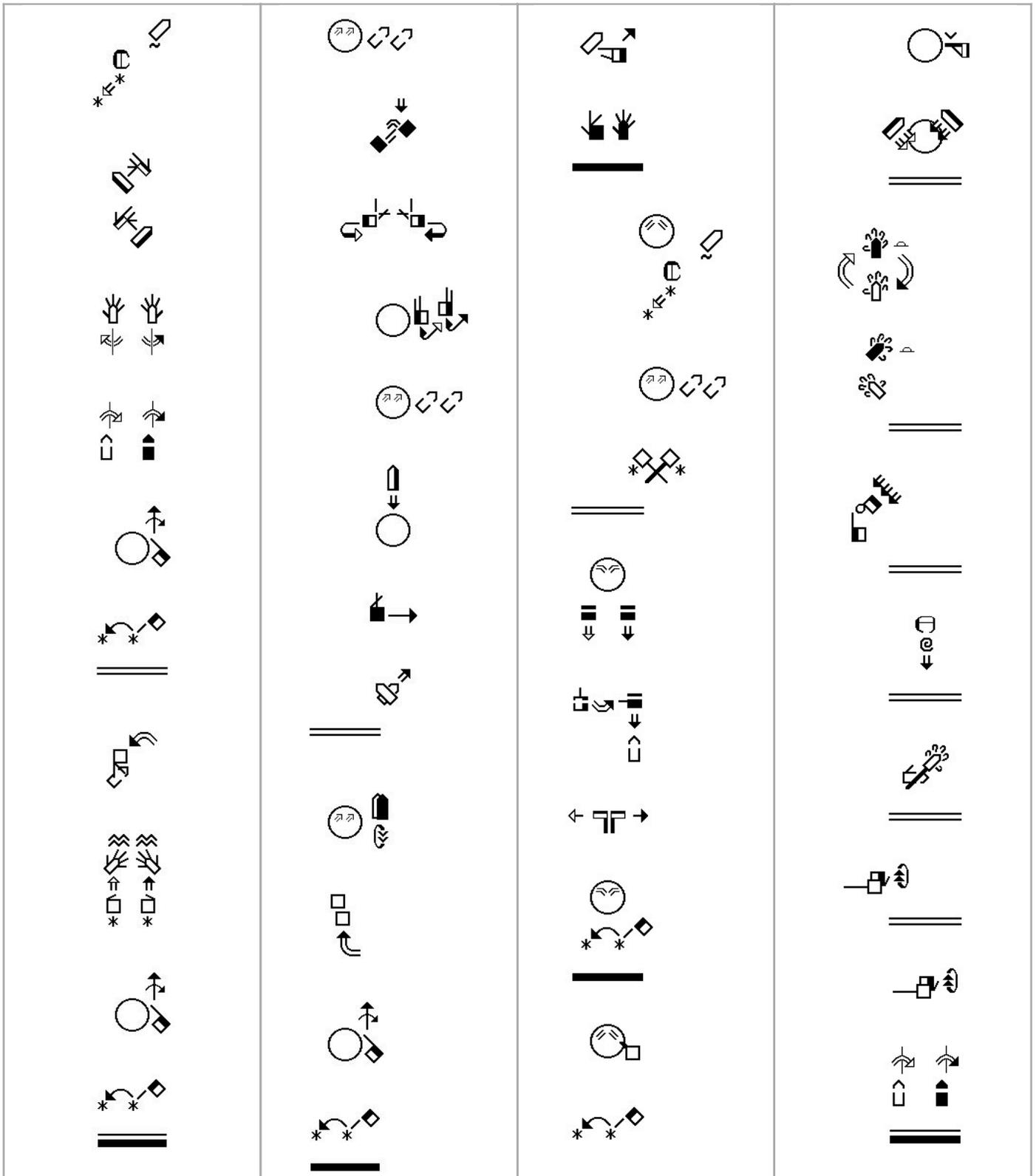
prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. 28. And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good NLT

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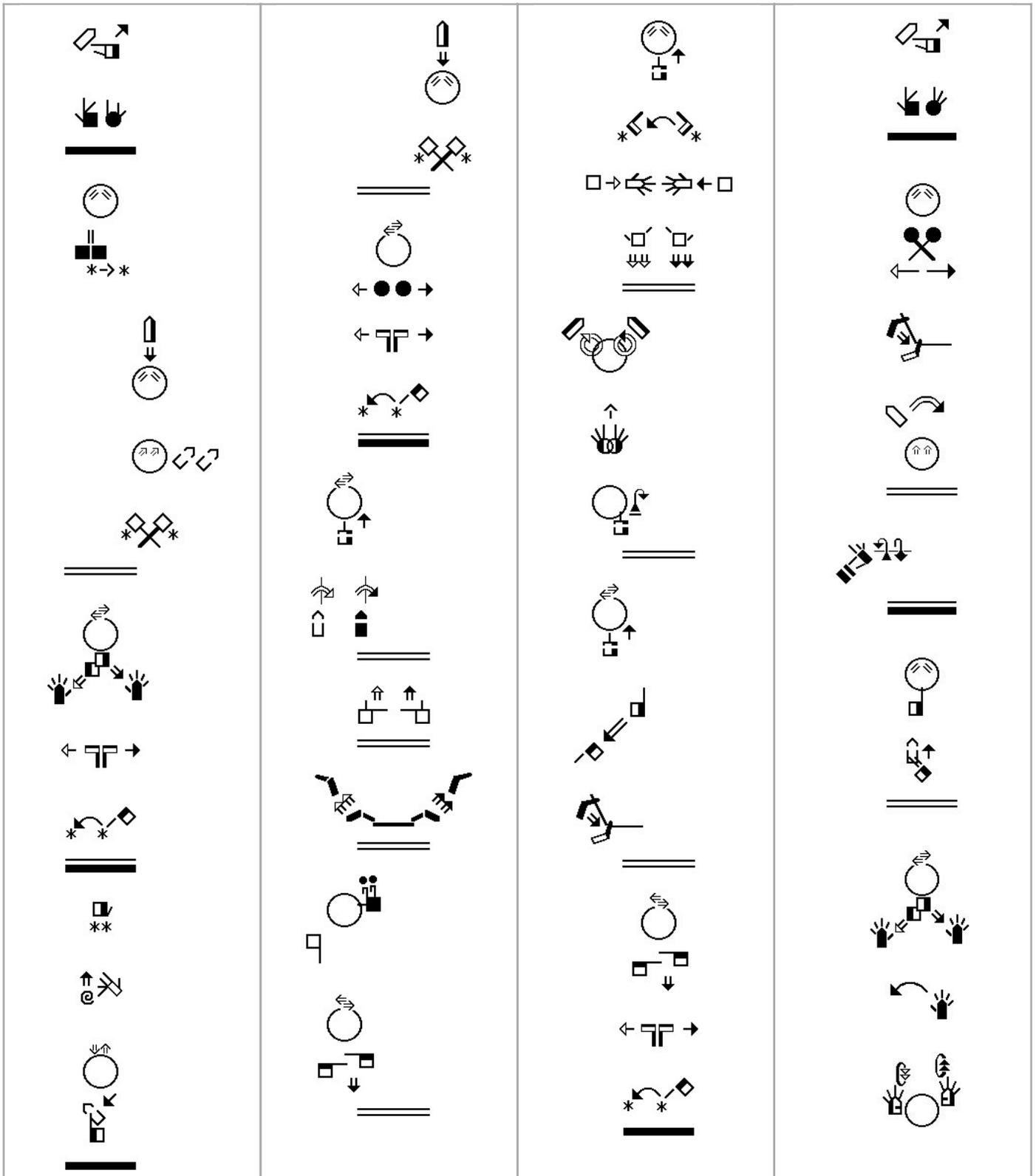
he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory. 31. What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? 32. Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up NLT

Romans 8:32-34

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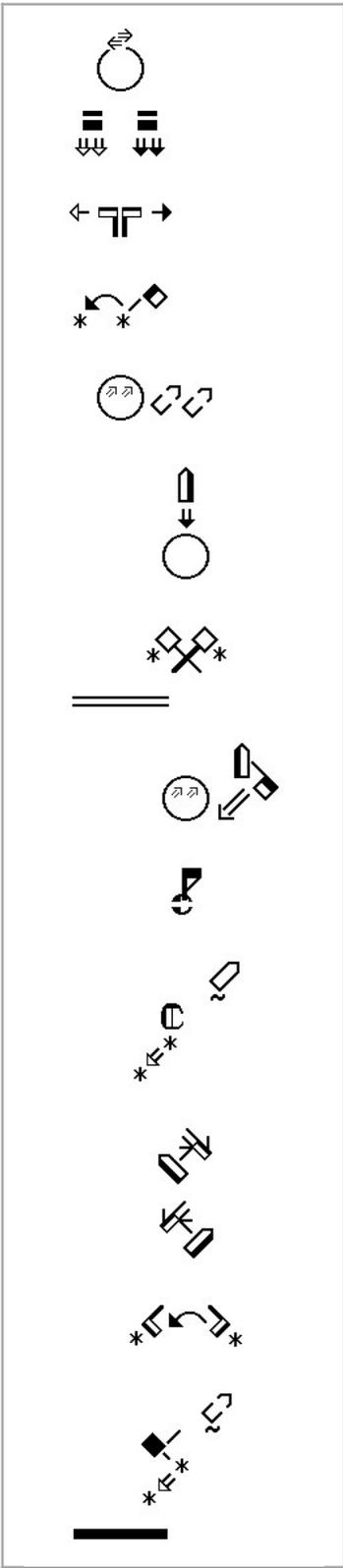


for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. 35. Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? NLT

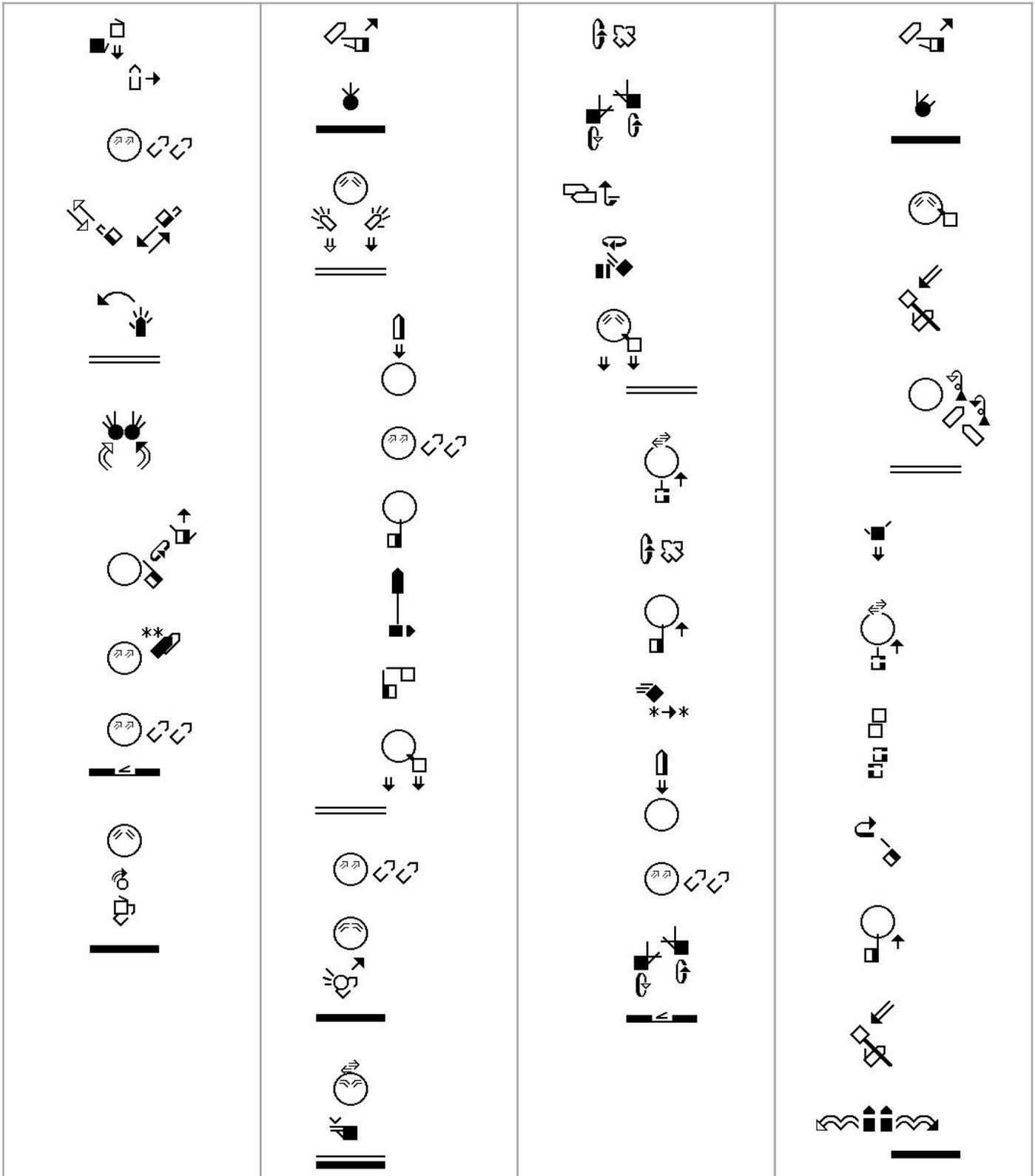


38. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow -- not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39. No power in the sky above or in the earth below -- indeed, nothing in all creation NLT

Romans 8:39

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Romans 9:5-7



the one who rules over everything and is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. 6. Well then, has God failed to fulfill his promise to Israel? No, for not all who are born into the nation of Israel are truly members of God's people! 7. Being descendants of Abraham doesn't make them truly Abraham's children. NLT

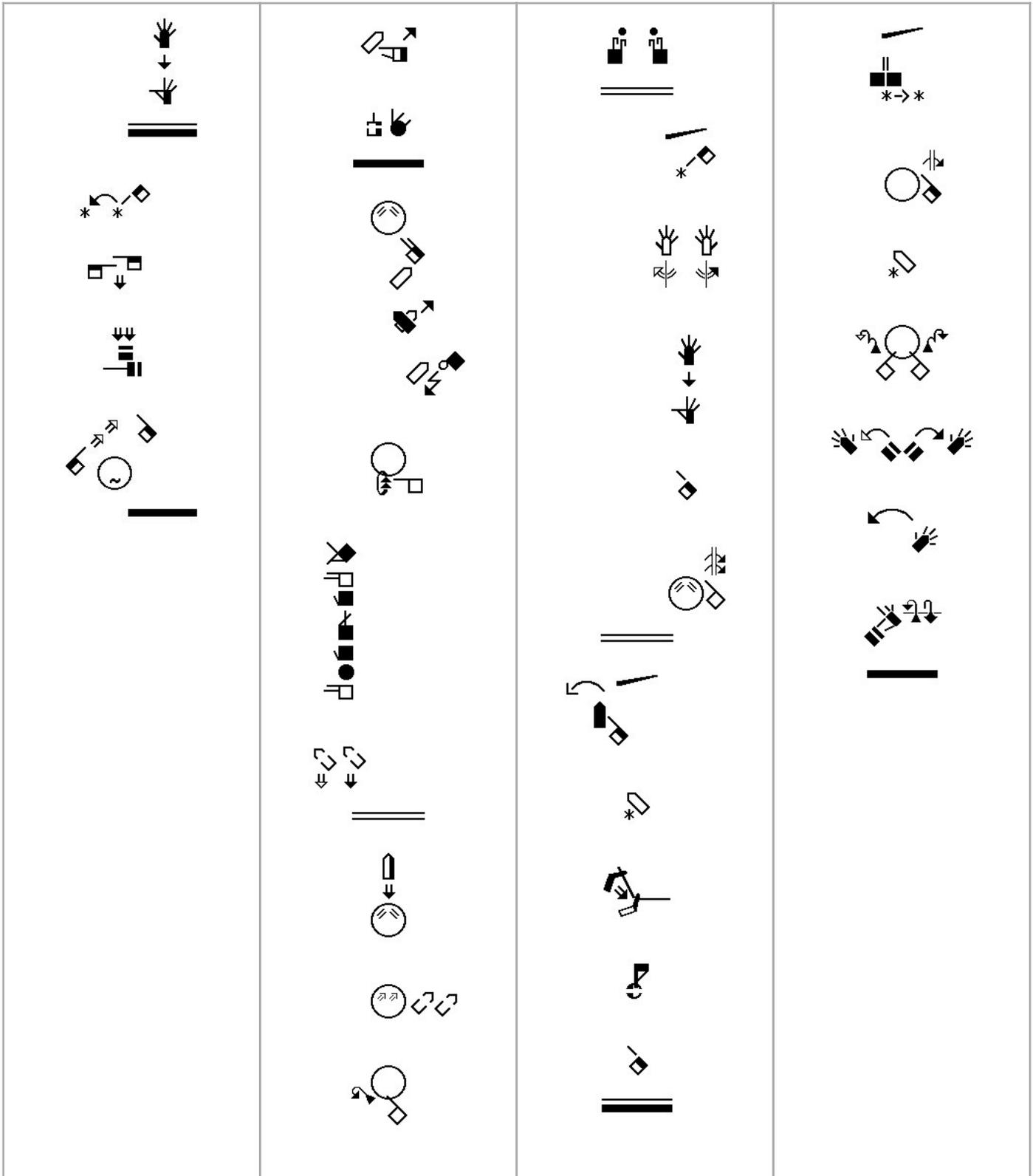
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11. But before they were born, before they had done anything good or bad, she received a message from God. (This message shows that God chooses people according to his own purposes; 12. he calls people, but not according to their good or bad works.) NLT

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Romans 9:16-17



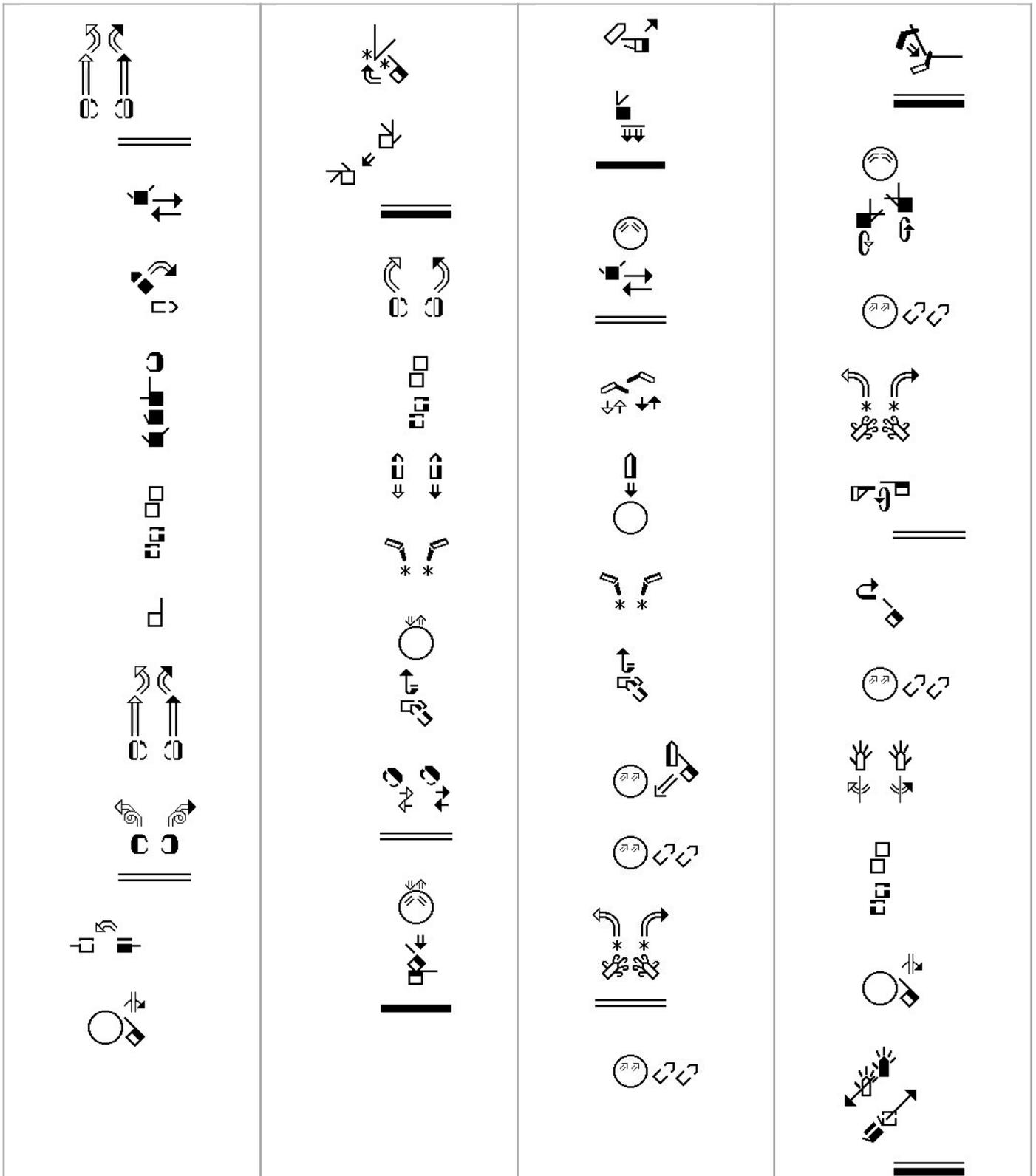
can neither choose it nor work for it. 17. For the Scriptures say that God told Pharaoh, "I have appointed you for the very purpose of displaying my power in you and to spread my fame throughout the earth." NLT

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18. So you see, God chooses to show mercy to some, and he chooses to harden the hearts of others so they refuse to listen. 19. Well then, you might say, "Why does God blame people for not responding? Haven't they simply done what he makes them do?" NLT

Romans 9:20-21

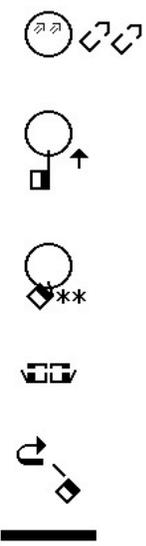
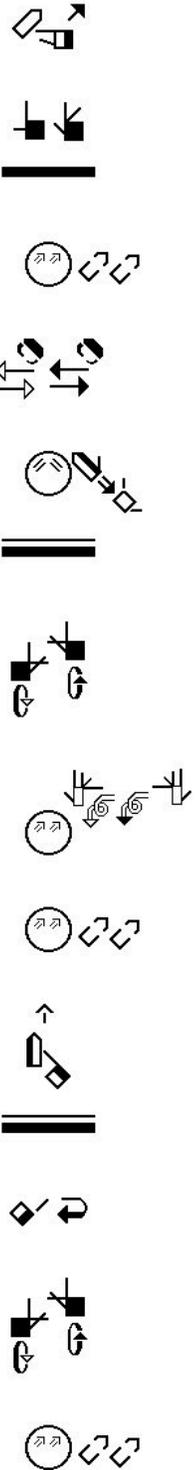
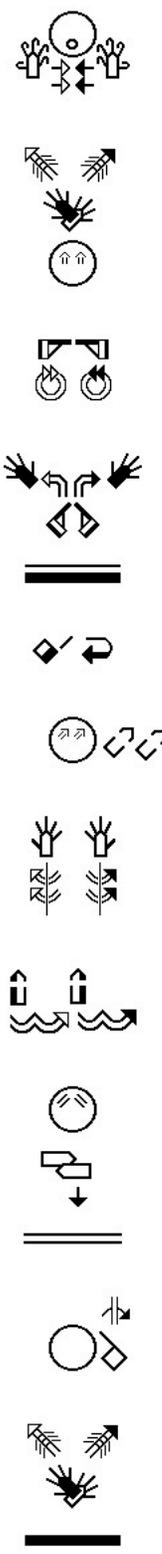
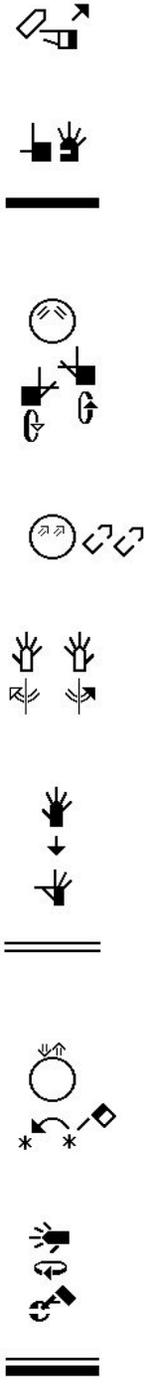
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doesn't he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into? 22. In the same way, even though God has the right to show his anger and his power, he is very patient with those on whom his anger falls, who were made for destruction.

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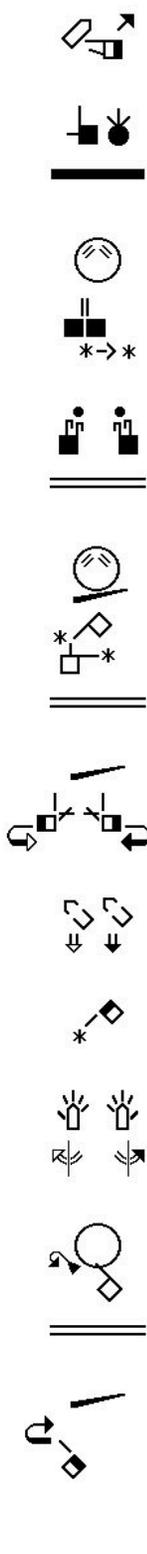
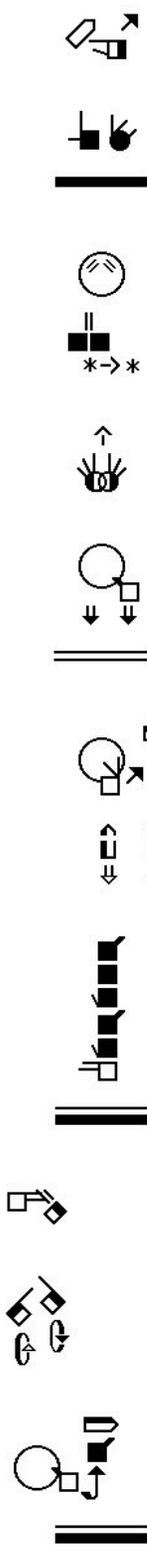
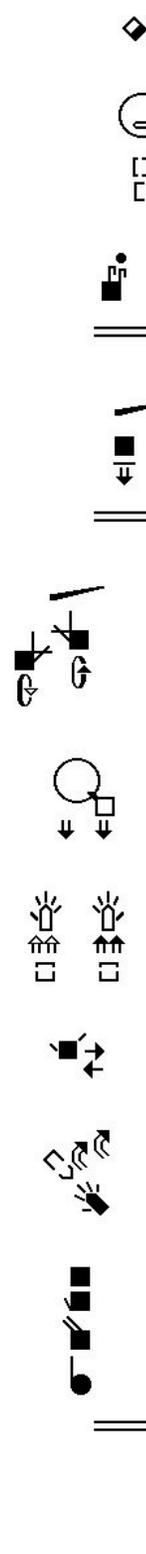
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both from the Jews and from the Gentiles. 25. Concerning the Gentiles, God says in the prophecy of Hosea, "Those who were not my people, I will now call my people. And I will love those whom I did not love before." NLT

Romans 9:26-27

			
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only a remnant will be saved." 28. "For the LORD will carry out his sentence upon the earth quickly and with finality." 29. And Isaiah said the same thing in another place: "If the LORD of Heaven's Armies had not spared a few of our children, we would have been wiped out like NLT

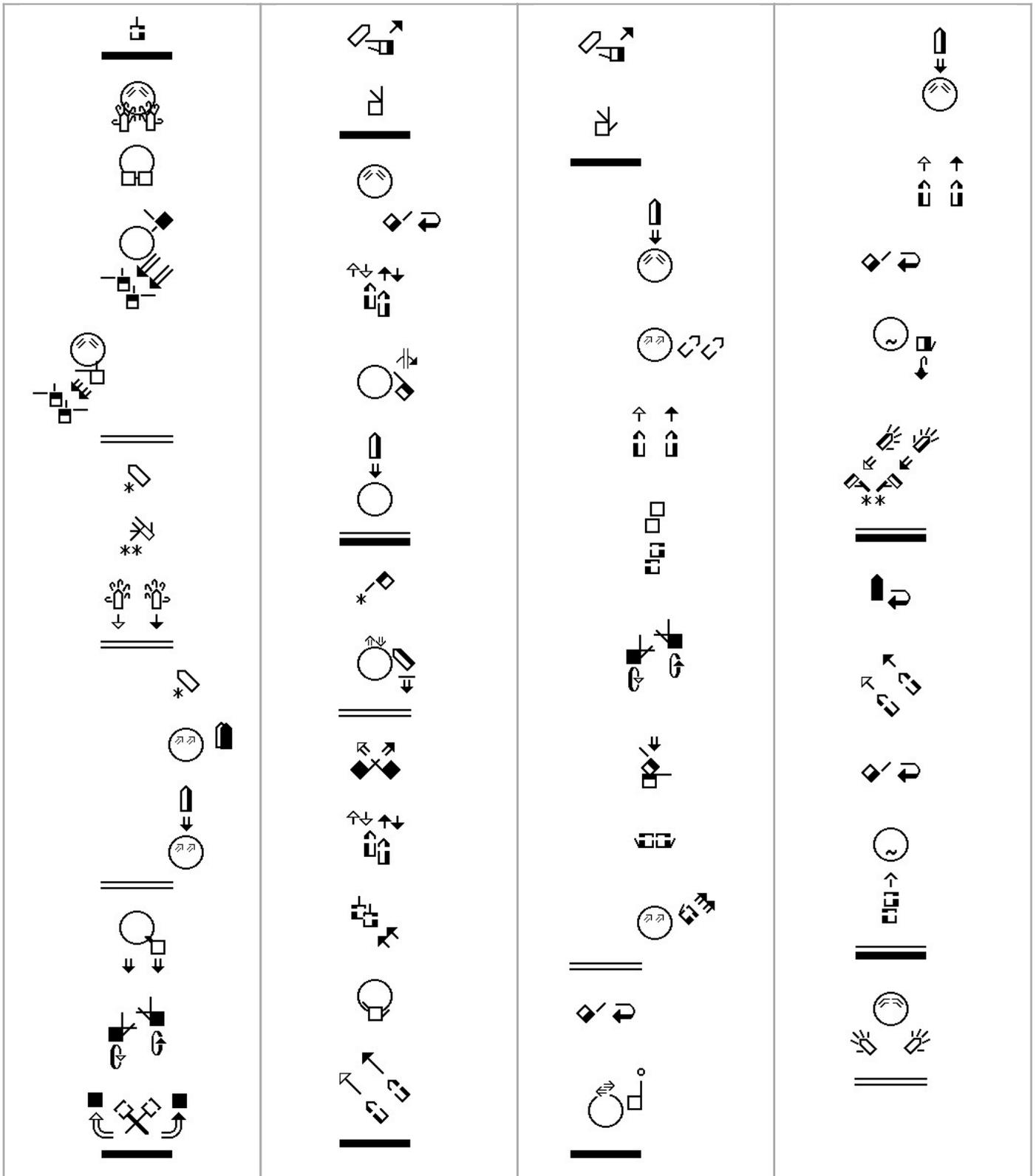
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with God by keeping the law, never succeeded. 32. Why not? Because they were trying to get right with God by keeping the law instead of by trusting in him. They stumbled over the great rock in their path. 33. God warned them of this in the Scriptures when he said,

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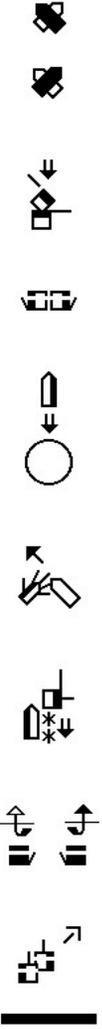
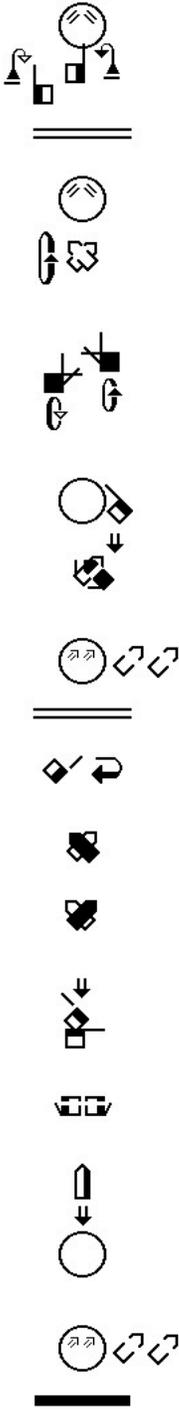
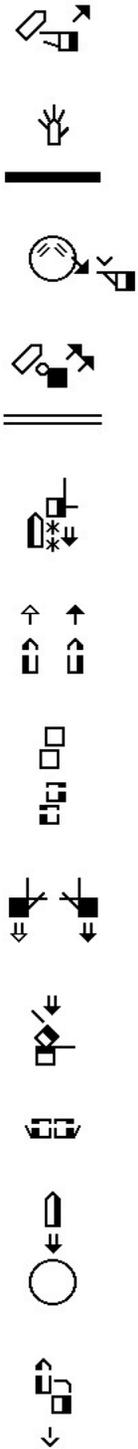
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10 Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved. 2. I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. 3. For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God
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Romans 10:3-5

			
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right with God by trying to keep the law. 4. For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God. 5. For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires NLT

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obedience to all of its commands. 6. But faith's way of getting right with God says, "Don't say in your heart, 'Who will go up to heaven' (to bring Christ down to earth). NLT

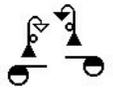
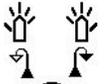
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9. If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.
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13. For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." 14. But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? NLT

Romans 10:15-16

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15. And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"
 16. But not everyone welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet NLT

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said, "LORD, who has believed our message?" 17. So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. 18. But I ask, have the people of Israel actually heard the message? NLT

Romans 10:21

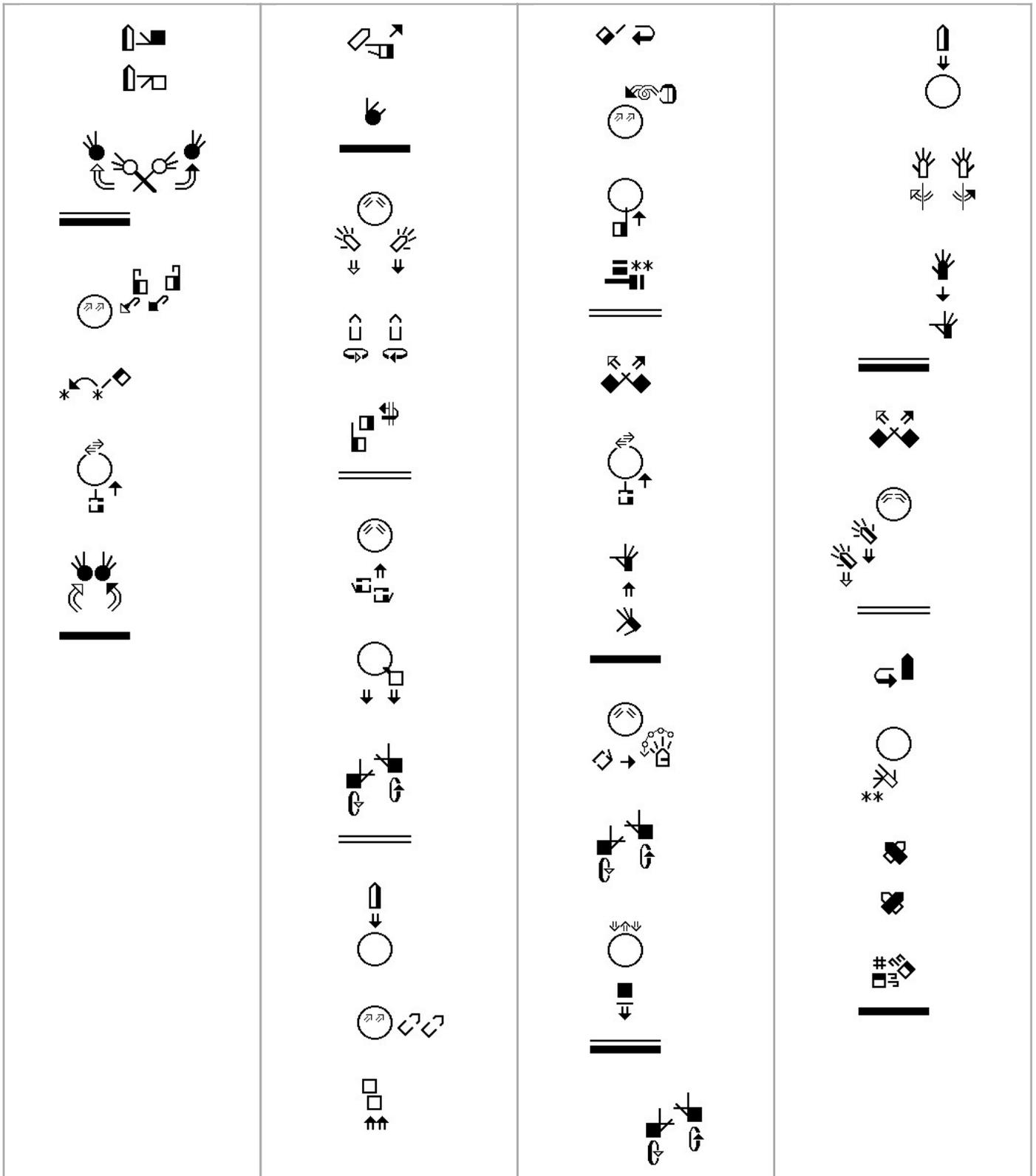
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they are trying to kill me, too." 4. And do you remember God's reply? He said, "No, I have 7,000 others who have never bowed down to Baal! 5. It is the same today, for a few of the people of Israel have remained faithful NLT

Romans 11:5-6

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free and undeserved. 7. So this is the situation: Most of the people of Israel have not found the favor of God they are looking for so earnestly. A few have -- the ones God has chosen -- but the hearts of the rest were hardened.

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Romans 11:8-9

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become a snare, a trap that makes them think all is well. Let their blessings cause them to stumble, and let them get what they deserve. 10. Let their eyes go blind so they cannot see, and let their backs be bent forever." NLT

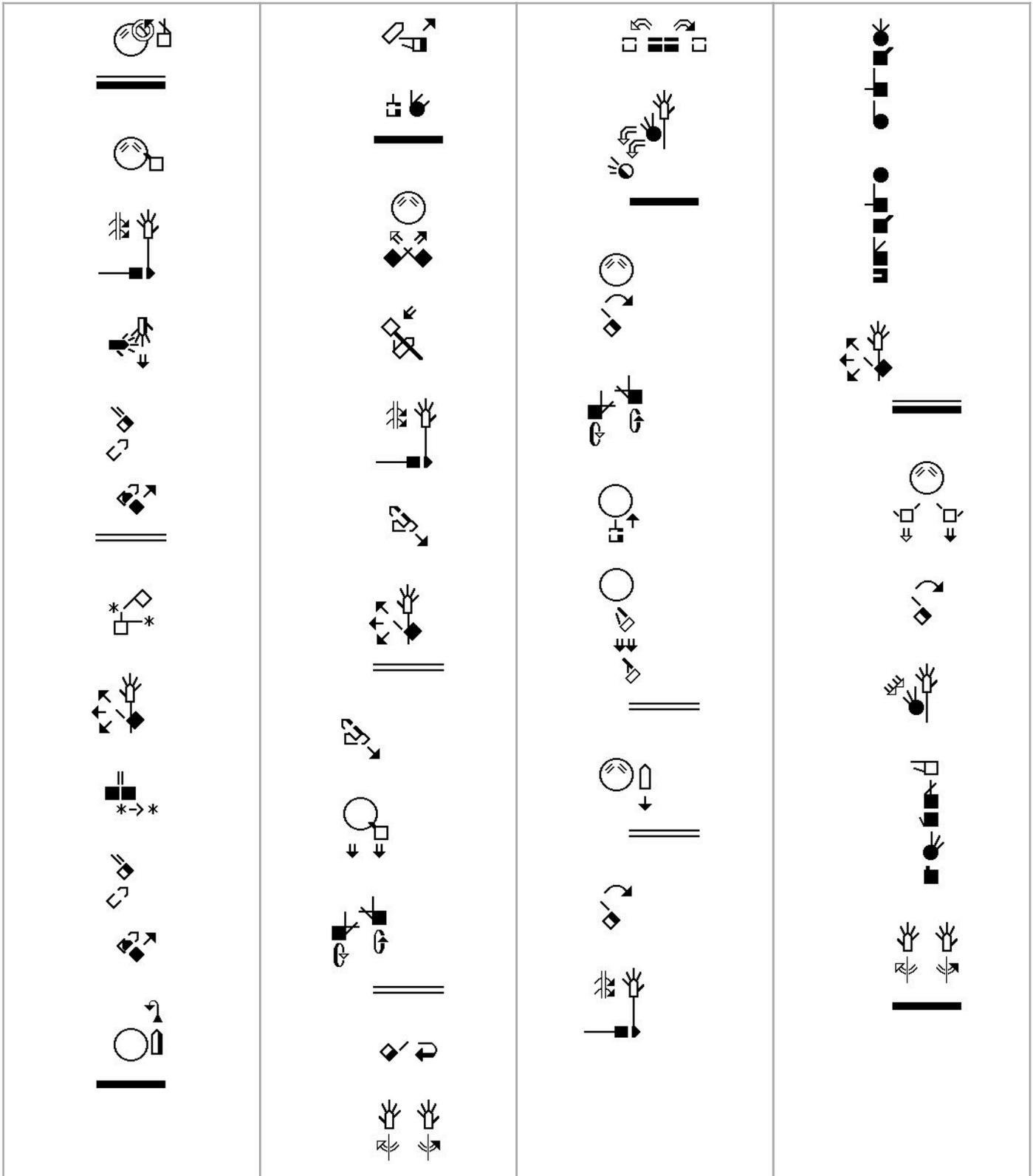
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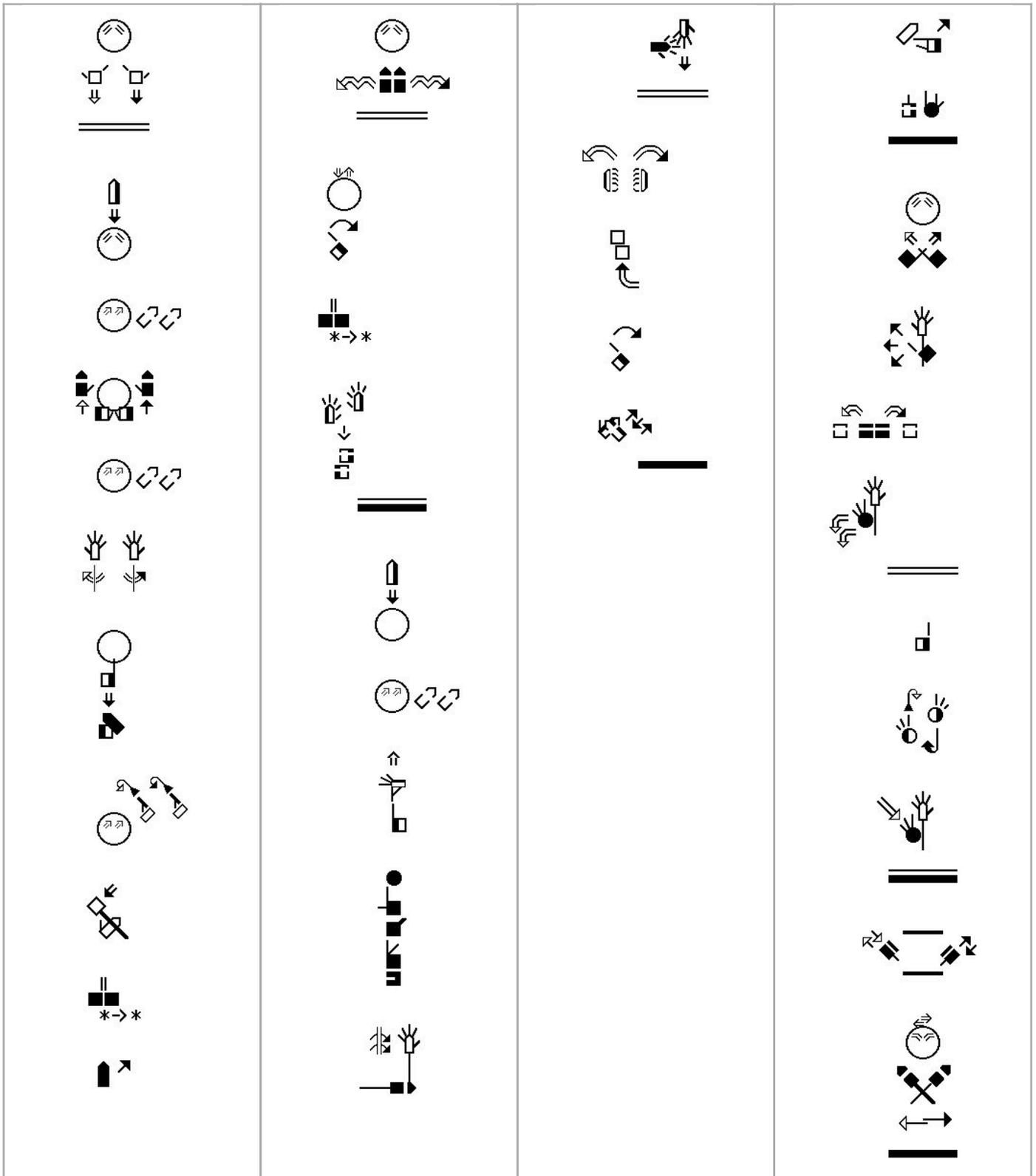
think how much greater a blessing the world will share when they finally accept it.
 13. I am saying all this especially for you Gentiles. God has appointed me as the apostle
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acceptance will be even more wonderful. It will be life for those who were dead! 16. And since Abraham and the other patriarchs were holy, their descendants will also be holy -- just as the entire batch of dough is holy because the portion given as an offering is holy. NLT

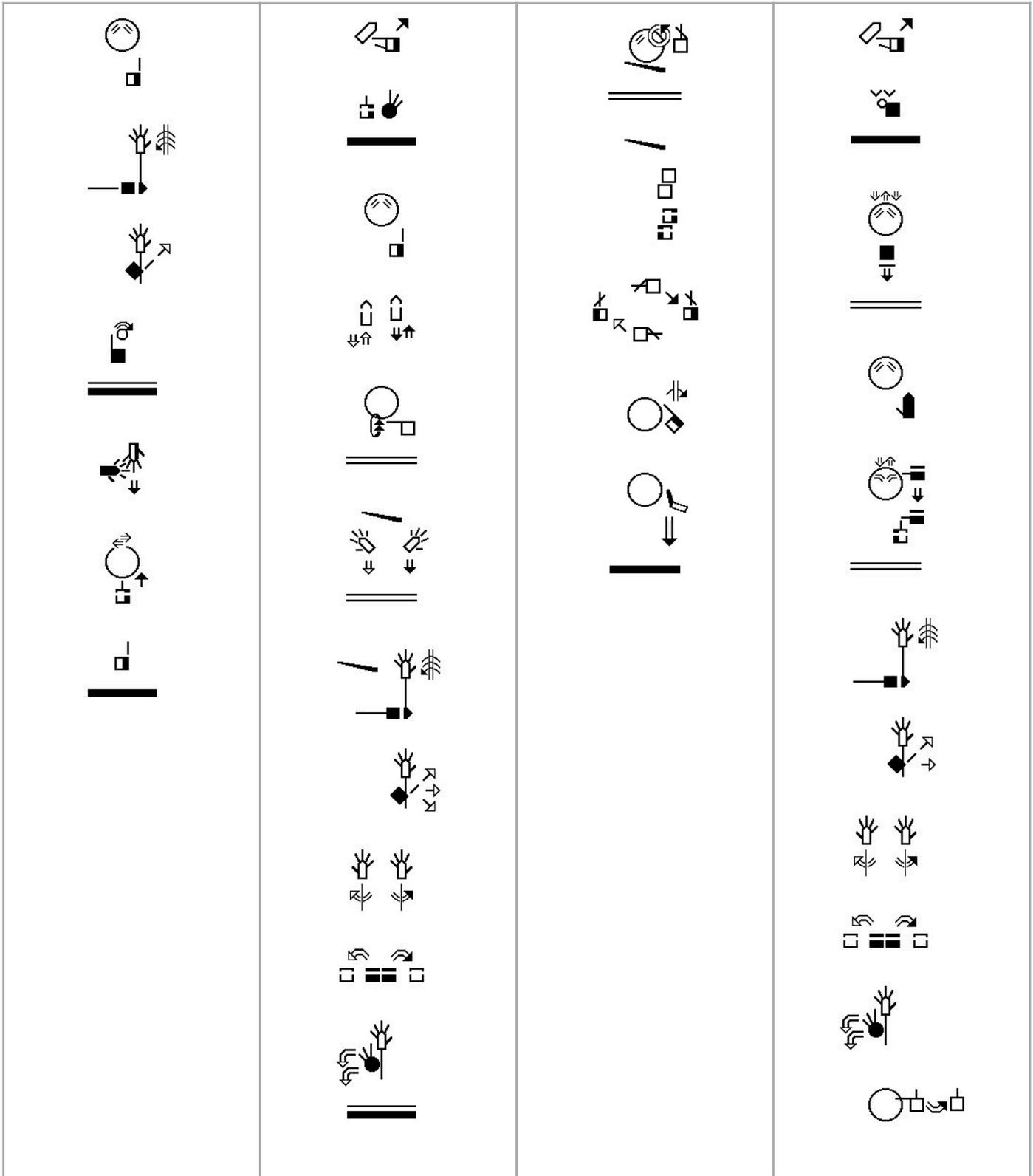
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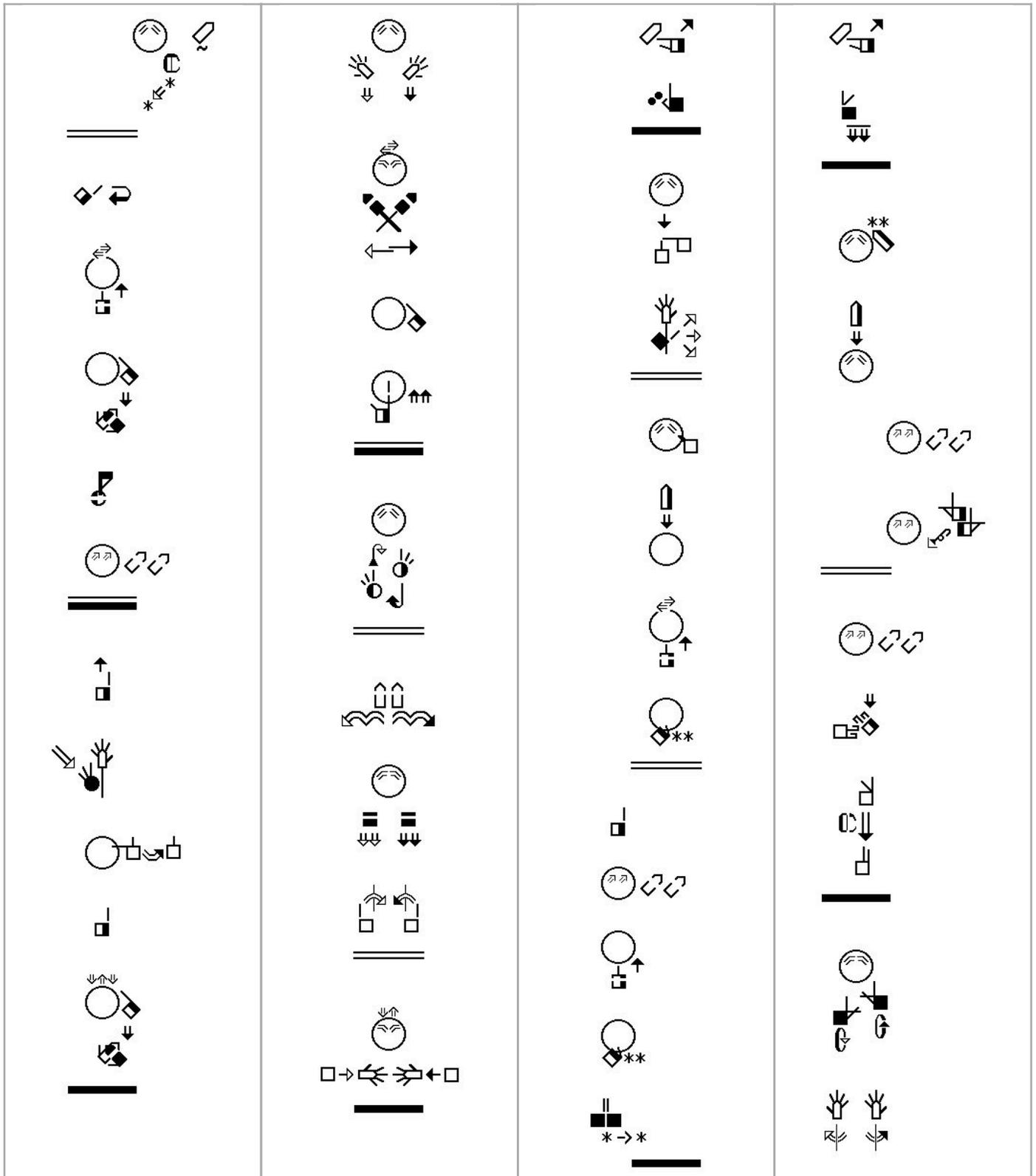




So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God's special olive tree. 18. But you must not brag about being grafted in to replace the branches that were broken off.
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Romans 11:18-20



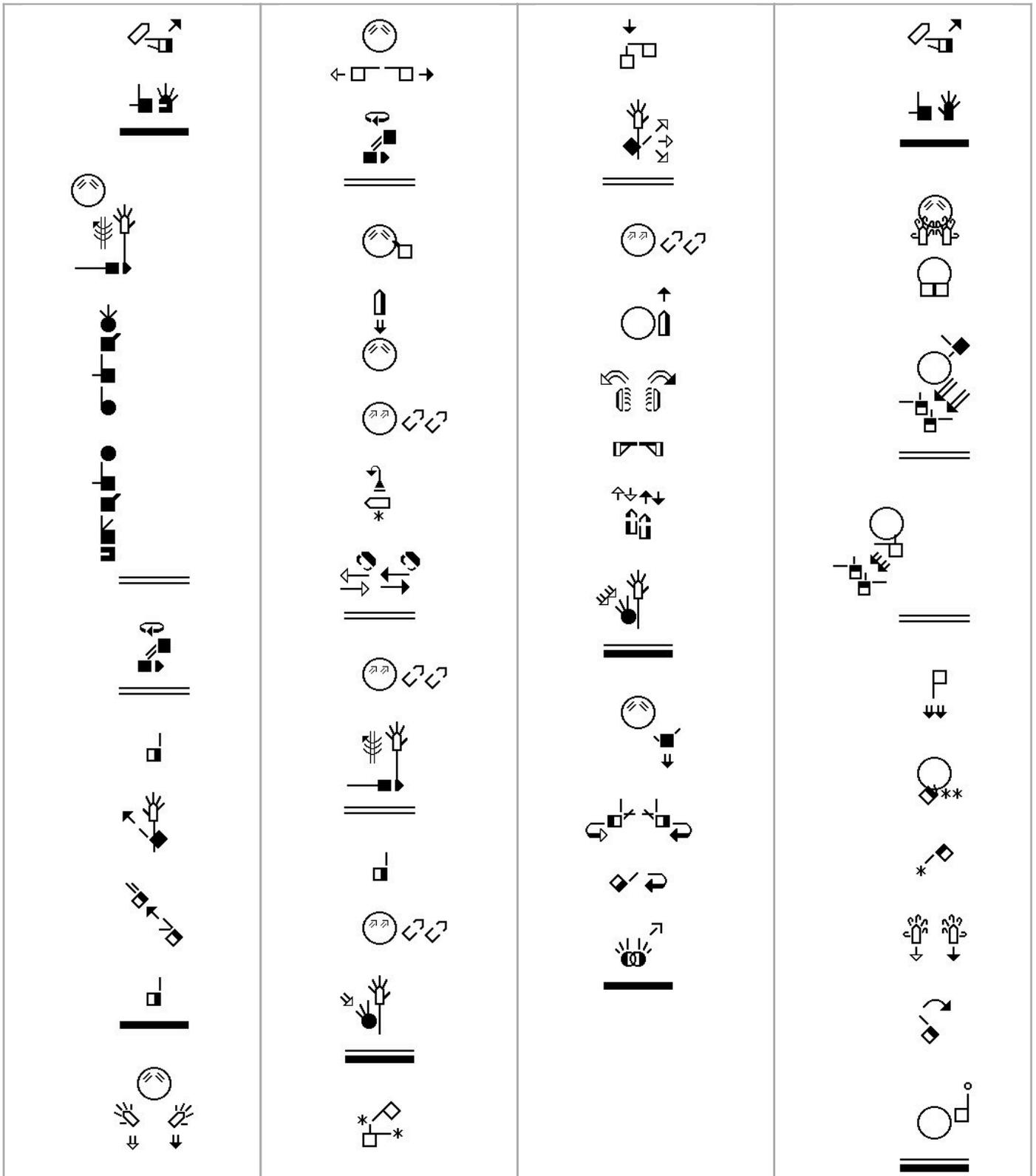


they didn't believe in Christ, and you are there because you do believe. So don't think highly of yourself, but fear what could happen. 21. For if God did not spare the original branches, he won't spare you either. 22. Notice how God is both kind and severe. NLT

Romans 11:22-23

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He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in his kindness. But if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off. 23. And if the people of Israel turn from their unbelief, they will be grafted in again, for God has the power to graft them back into the tree. NLT



24. You, by nature, were a branch cut from a wild olive tree. So if God was willing to do something contrary to nature by grafting you into his cultivated tree, he will be far more eager to graft the original branches back into the tree where they belong.
 25. I want you to understand this mystery, dear brothers and sisters, NLT

Romans 11:29-31

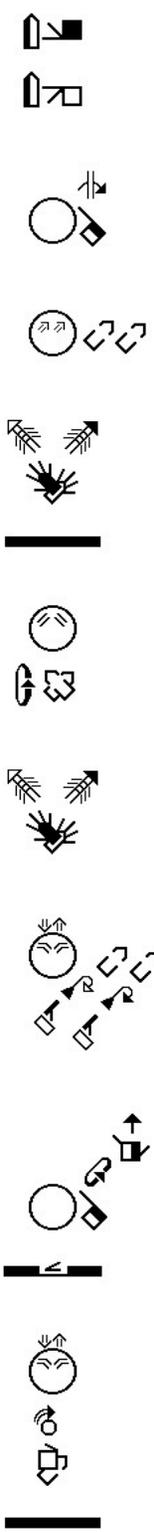
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29. For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn. 30. Once, you Gentiles were rebels against God, but when the people of Israel rebelled against him, God was merciful to you instead. 31. Now they are the rebels, and God's mercy has come to you so that NLT

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they, too, will share in God's mercy. 32. For God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience so he could have mercy on everyone. 33. Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge!

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and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

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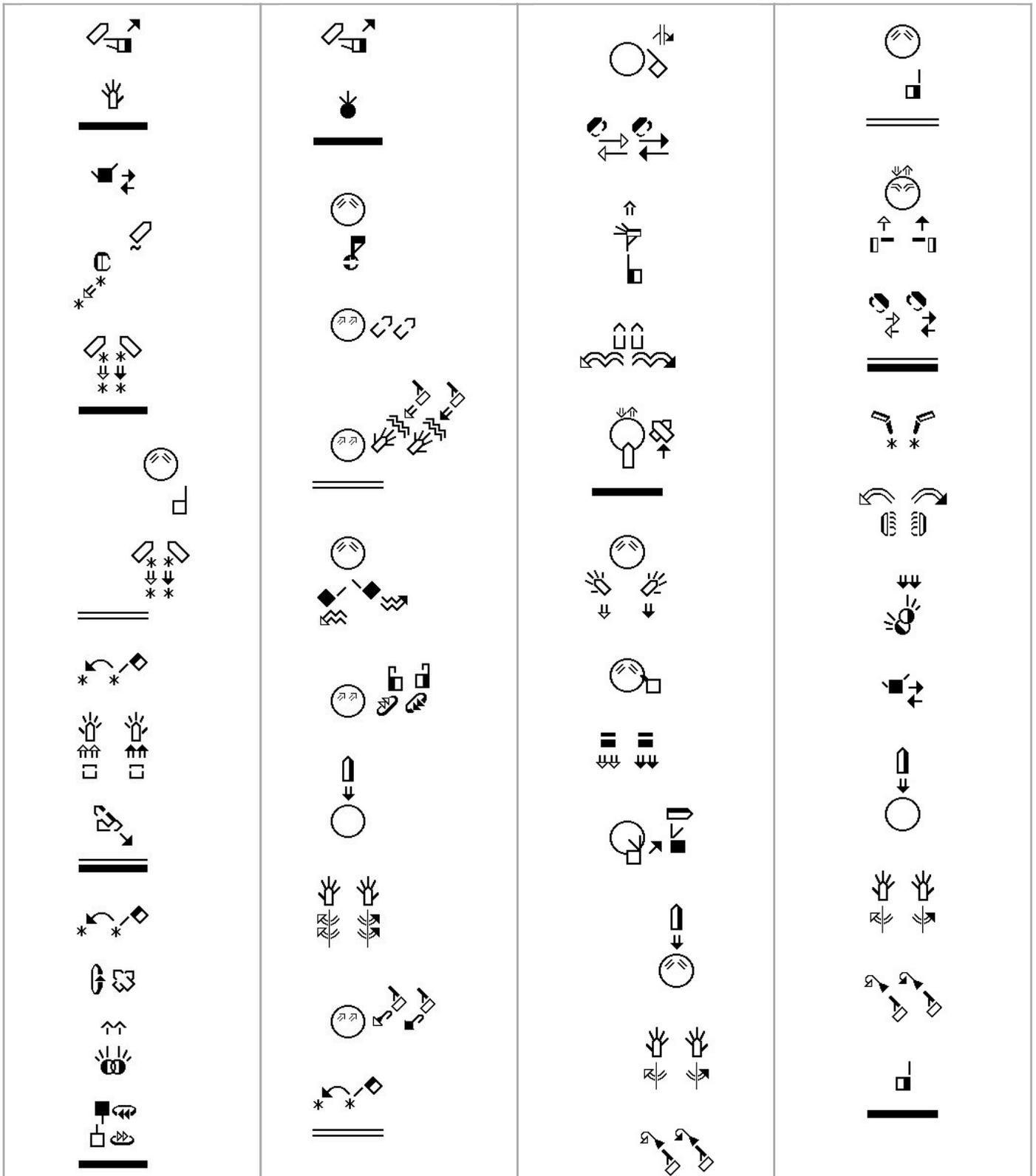
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3. Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. 4. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function,



5. so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. 6. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

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Romans 12:11-13

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sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong. 5. So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience.

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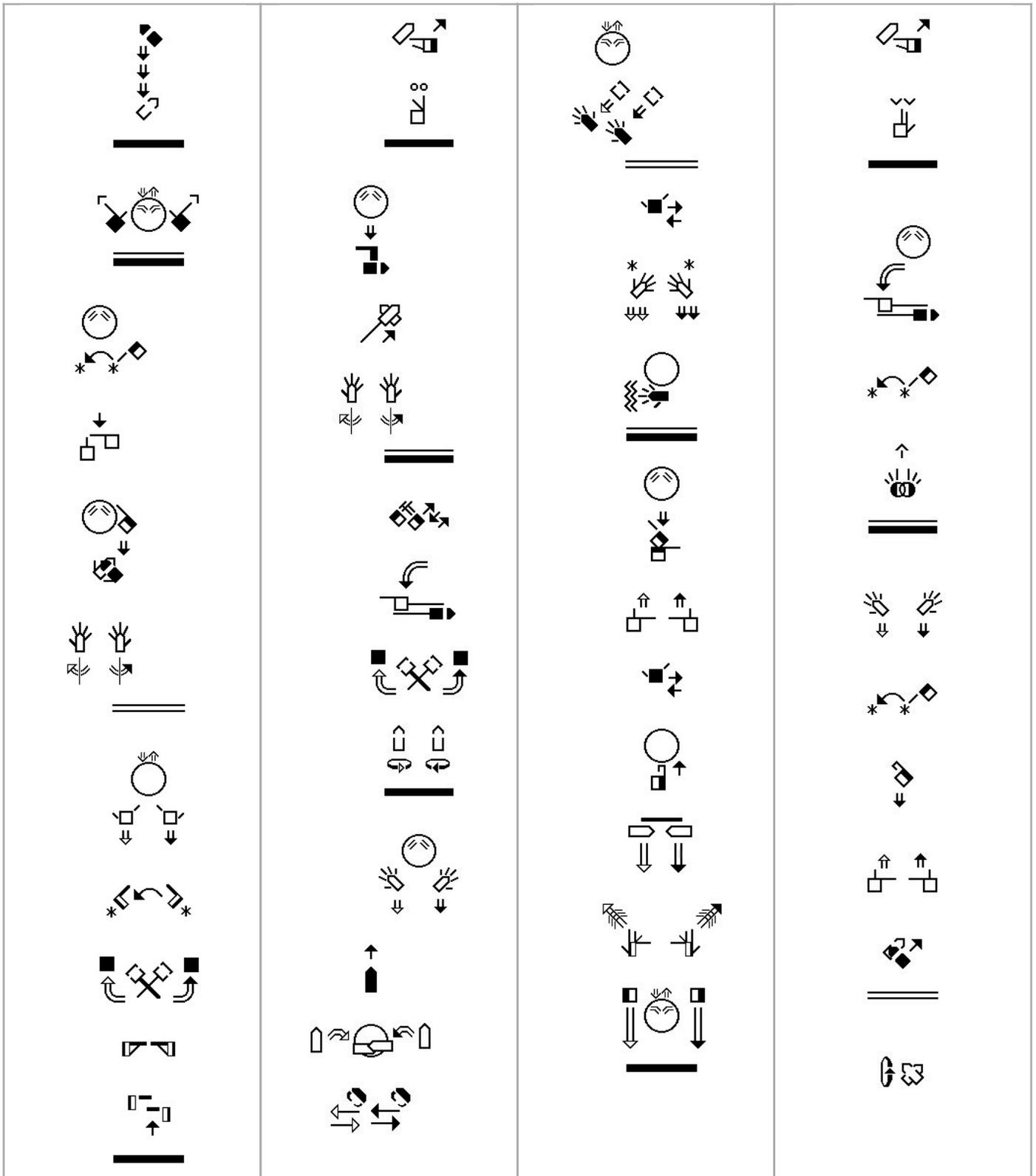
8. Owe nothing to anyone -- except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law. 9. For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These -- and other such commandments --

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Romans 13:9-11

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are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10. Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law. 11. This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time



is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12. The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. 13. Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all
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Romans 13:13-14

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to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy. 14. Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires. NLT

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with the Lord's help, they will do what is right and will receive his approval. 5. In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable.

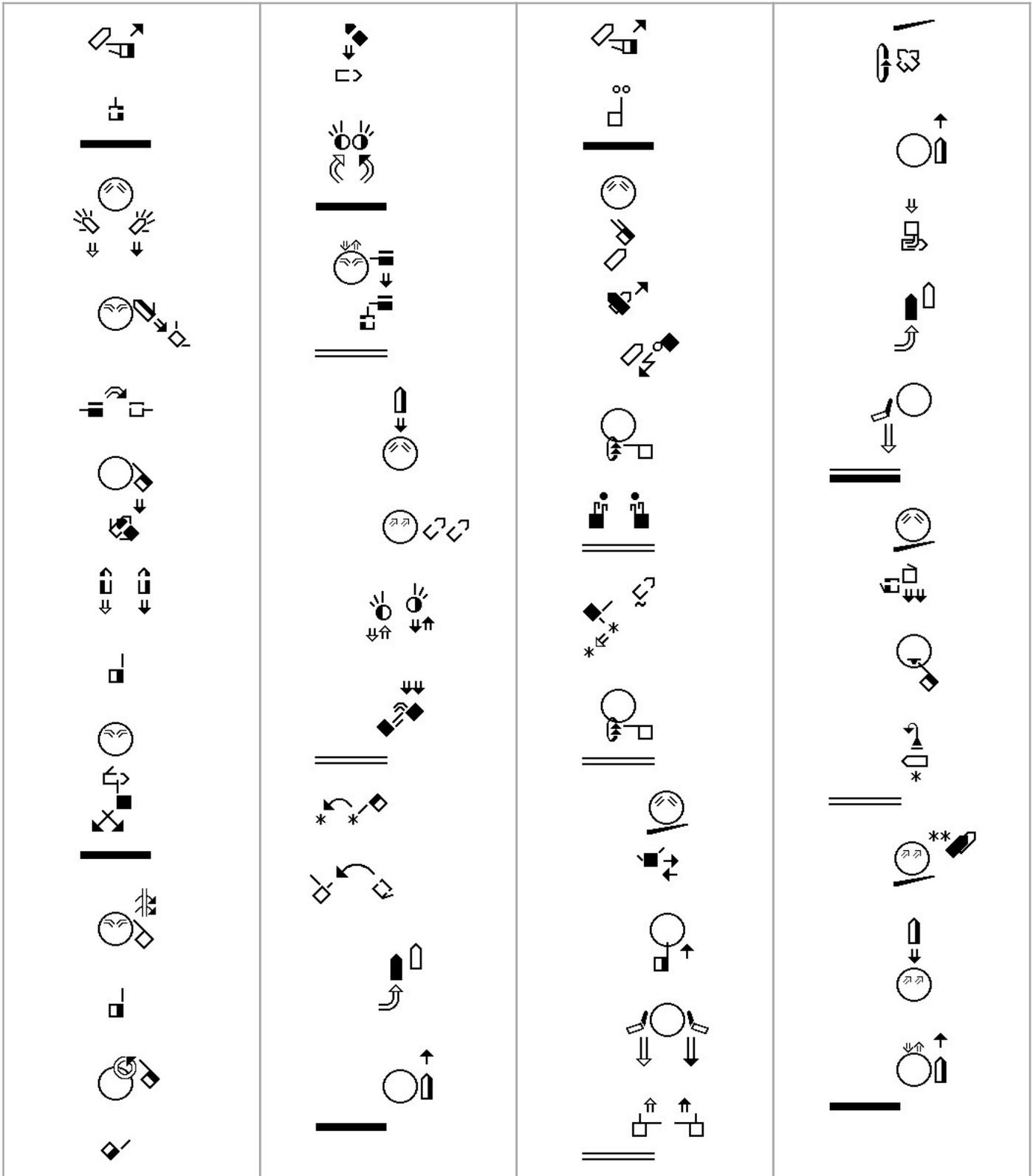
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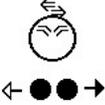
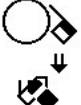
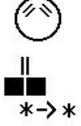
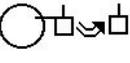
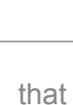
6. Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God.
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Romans 14:10-11



10. So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11. For the Scriptures say, "As surely as I live," says the LORD, "every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will confess and give praise to God." NLT

Romans 14:14-15

that no food, in and of itself, is wrong to eat. But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is wrong. 15. And if another believer is distressed by what you eat, you are not acting in love if you eat it. Don't let your

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foods are acceptable, but it is wrong to eat something if it makes another person stumble. 21. It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything else if it might cause another believer to stumble. 22. You may believe there's nothing wrong with what you are doing, but keep it between yourself

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Romans 14:22-23

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and God. Blessed are those who don't feel guilty for doing something they have decided is right. 23. But if you have doubts about whether or not you should eat something, you are sinning if you go ahead and do it. For you are not following your convictions. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning.

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5. May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. 6. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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<p>Column 1 sign language icons: A sequence of 15 distinct hand gestures and symbols, including a hand with fingers spread, a hand with thumb up, a hand with index finger pointing, a hand with palm facing up, a hand with fingers curled, a hand with index finger pointing up, a hand with index finger pointing down, a hand with index finger pointing left, a hand with index finger pointing right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, and a hand with index finger pointing left and right.</p>	<p>Column 2 sign language icons: A sequence of 15 distinct hand gestures and symbols, including a hand with index finger pointing up, a hand with index finger pointing down, a hand with index finger pointing left, a hand with index finger pointing right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, and a hand with index finger pointing up and down.</p>	<p>Column 3 sign language icons: A sequence of 15 distinct hand gestures and symbols, including a hand with index finger pointing up, a hand with index finger pointing down, a hand with index finger pointing left, a hand with index finger pointing right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, and a hand with index finger pointing up and down.</p>	<p>Column 4 sign language icons: A sequence of 15 distinct hand gestures and symbols, including a hand with index finger pointing up, a hand with index finger pointing down, a hand with index finger pointing left, a hand with index finger pointing right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, a hand with index finger pointing up and down, a hand with index finger pointing left and right, and a hand with index finger pointing up and down.</p>
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12. And in another place Isaiah said, "The heir to David's throne will come, and he will rule over the Gentiles. They will place their hope on him." 13. I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then NLT

Romans 15:13-15

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you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. 14. I am fully convinced, my dear brothers and sisters, that you are full of goodness. You know these things so well you can teach each other all about them. 15. Even so, I have been bold enough to write about some of these points, NLT

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knowing that all you need is this reminder. For by God's grace, 16. I am a special messenger from Christ Jesus to you Gentiles. I bring you the Good News so that I might present you as an acceptable offering to God,

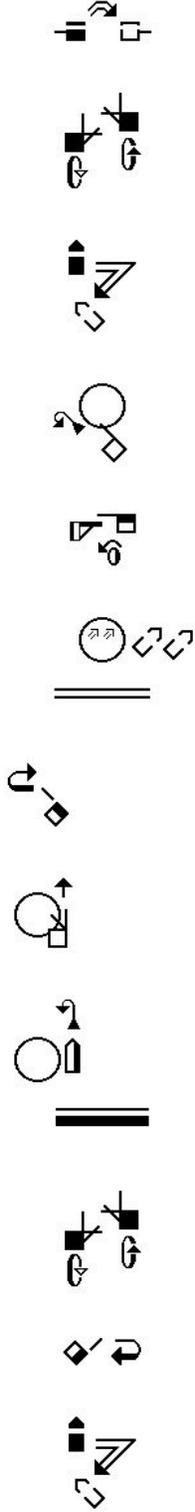
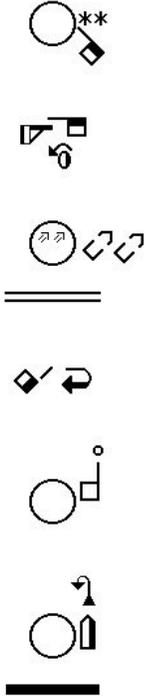
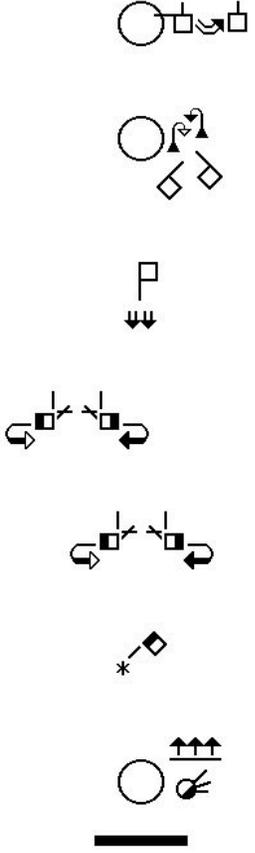
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Romans 15:16-18

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has done through me, bringing the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way I worked among them. 19. They were convinced by the power of miraculous signs and wonders and by the power of God's Spirit. In this way, I have fully presented NLT

			
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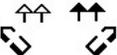
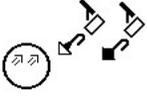
who have never been told about him will see, and those who have never heard of him will understand." 22. In fact, my visit to you has been delayed so long because I have been preaching in these places.

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25. But before I come, I must go to Jerusalem to take a gift to the believers there. 26. For you see, the believers in Macedonia and Achaia have eagerly taken up an offering for the poor among the believers in Jerusalem.

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with a joyful heart, and we will be an encouragement to each other. 33. And now may God, who gives us his peace, be with you all. Amen.

Romans 16:9-11

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and to Olympas and all the believers who meet with them. 16. Greet each other in Christian love. All the churches of Christ send you their greetings. 17. And now I make one more appeal, my dear brothers and sisters. Watch out for people who cause divisions
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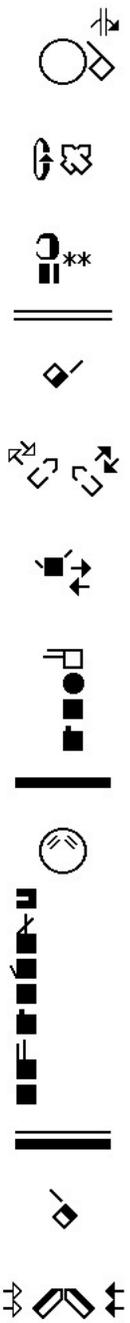
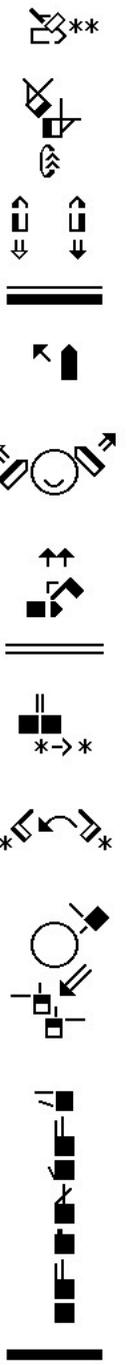
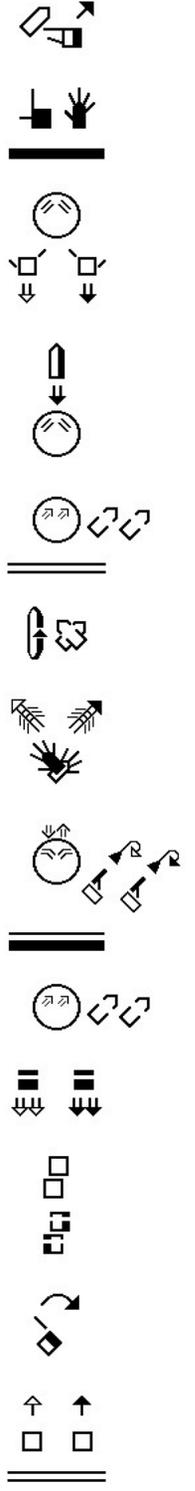
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and upset people's faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. 18. Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people. 19. But everyone knows that you are obedient to the Lord. This makes NLT

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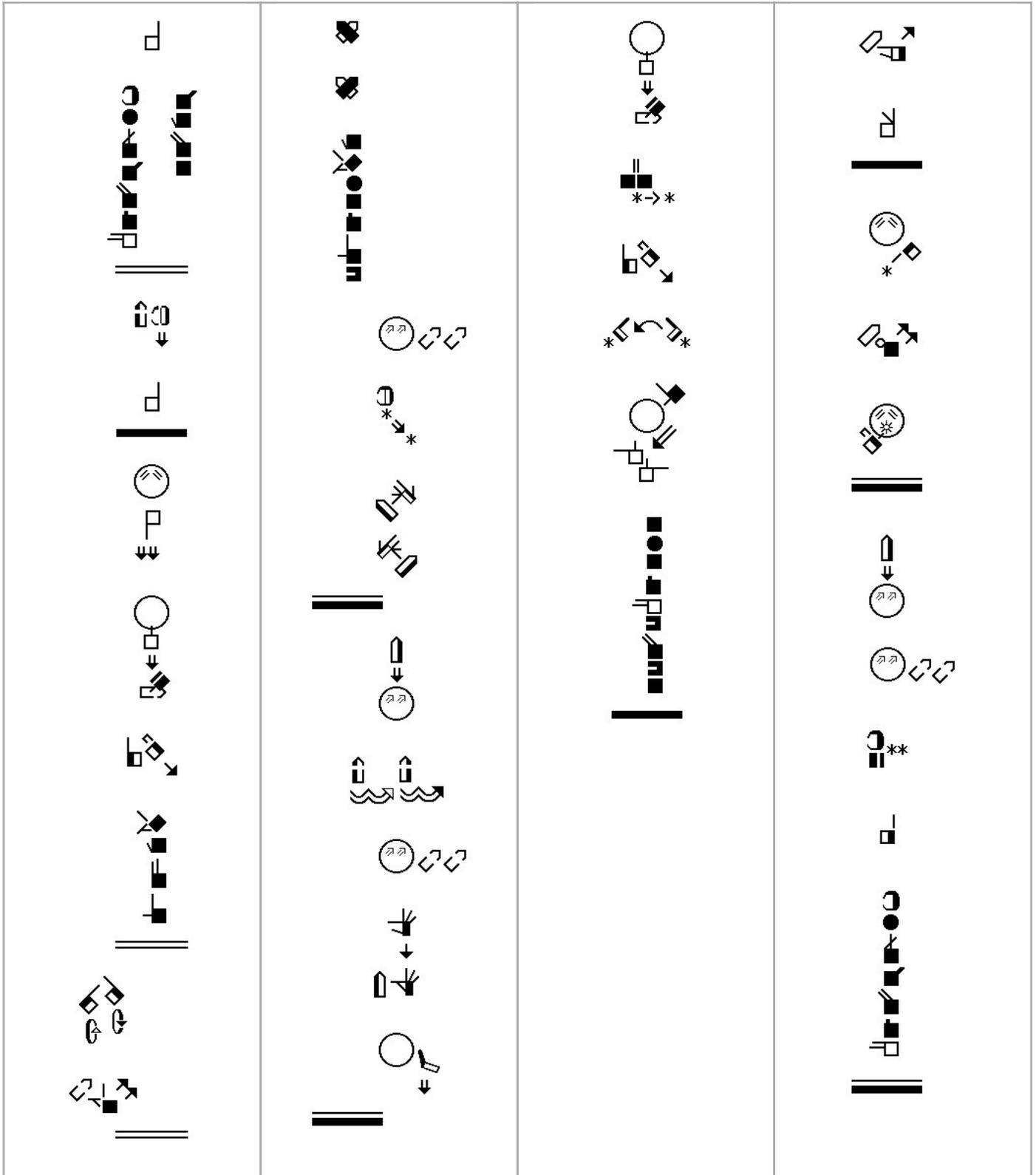
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23. Gaius says hello to you. He is my host and also serves as host to the whole church. Erastus, the city treasurer, sends you his greetings, and so does our brother Quartus. (no NLT verse 24) 25. Now all glory to God, who is able to make you strong, NLT

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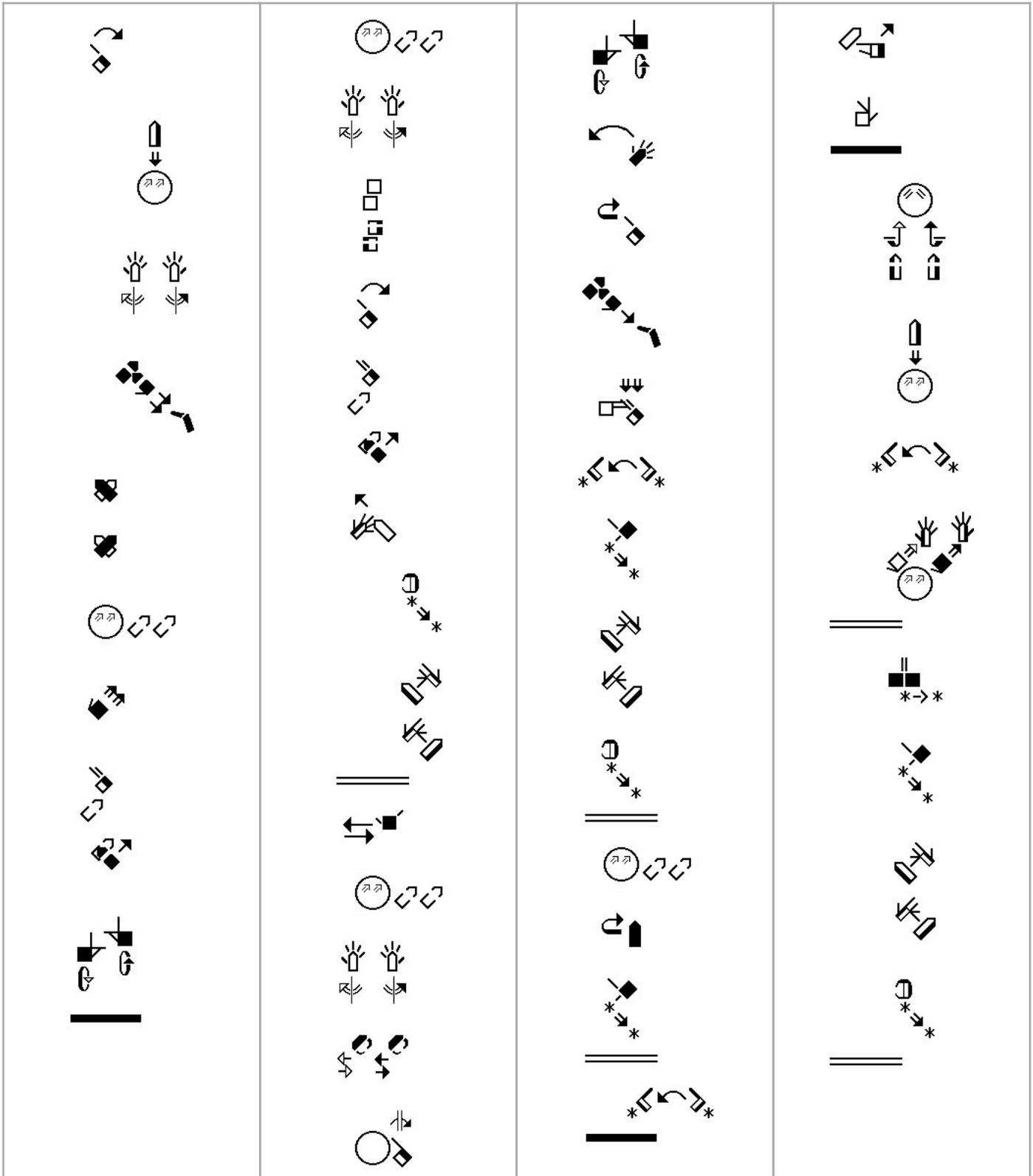
Gentiles everywhere, so that they too might believe and obey him. 27. All glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen.

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1 Corinthians, Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Sosthenes. Verse 2. I am writing to God's church in Corinth,

1 Corinthians 1:2-3

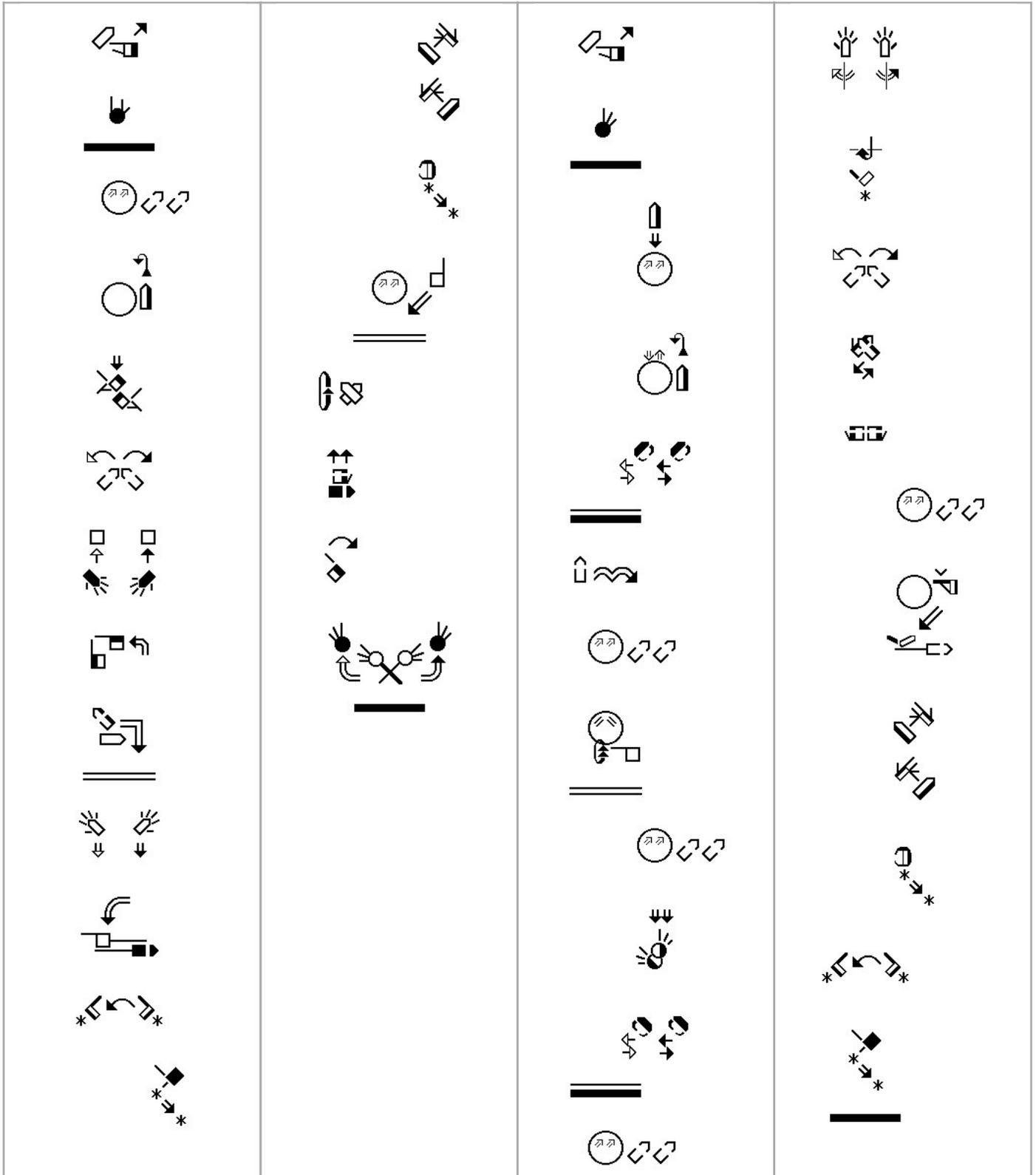


to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Verse 3. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
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give you grace and peace. Verse 4. I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus. Verse 5. Through him, God has enriched your church in every way --

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Verse 8. He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. Verse 9. God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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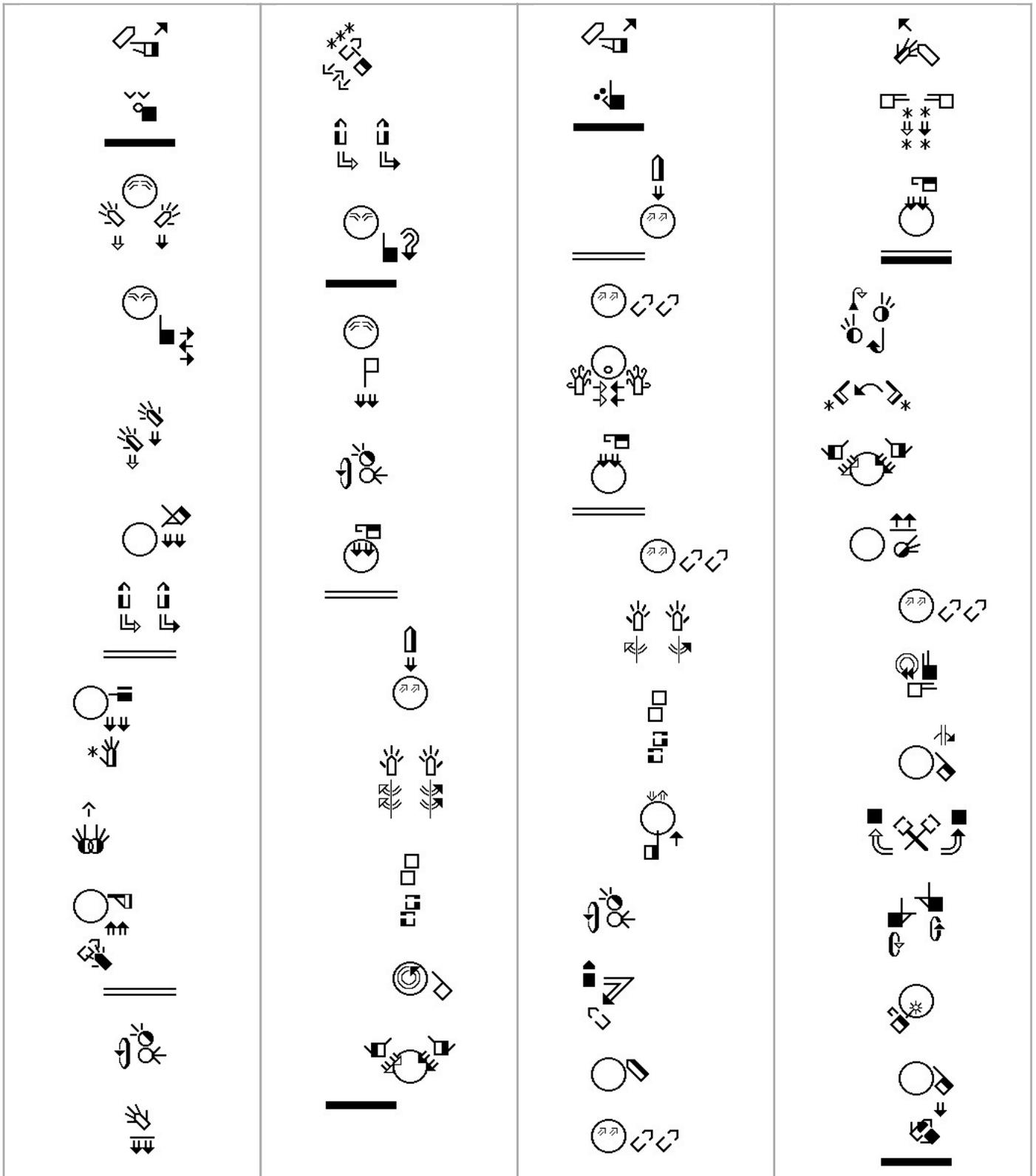
Verse 16. (Oh yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas, but I don't remember baptizing anyone else.) Verse 17. For Christ didn't send me to baptize, but to preach the Good News -- and not with clever speech, for fear that the cross of Christ would lose its power.

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1 Corinthians 1:18-19

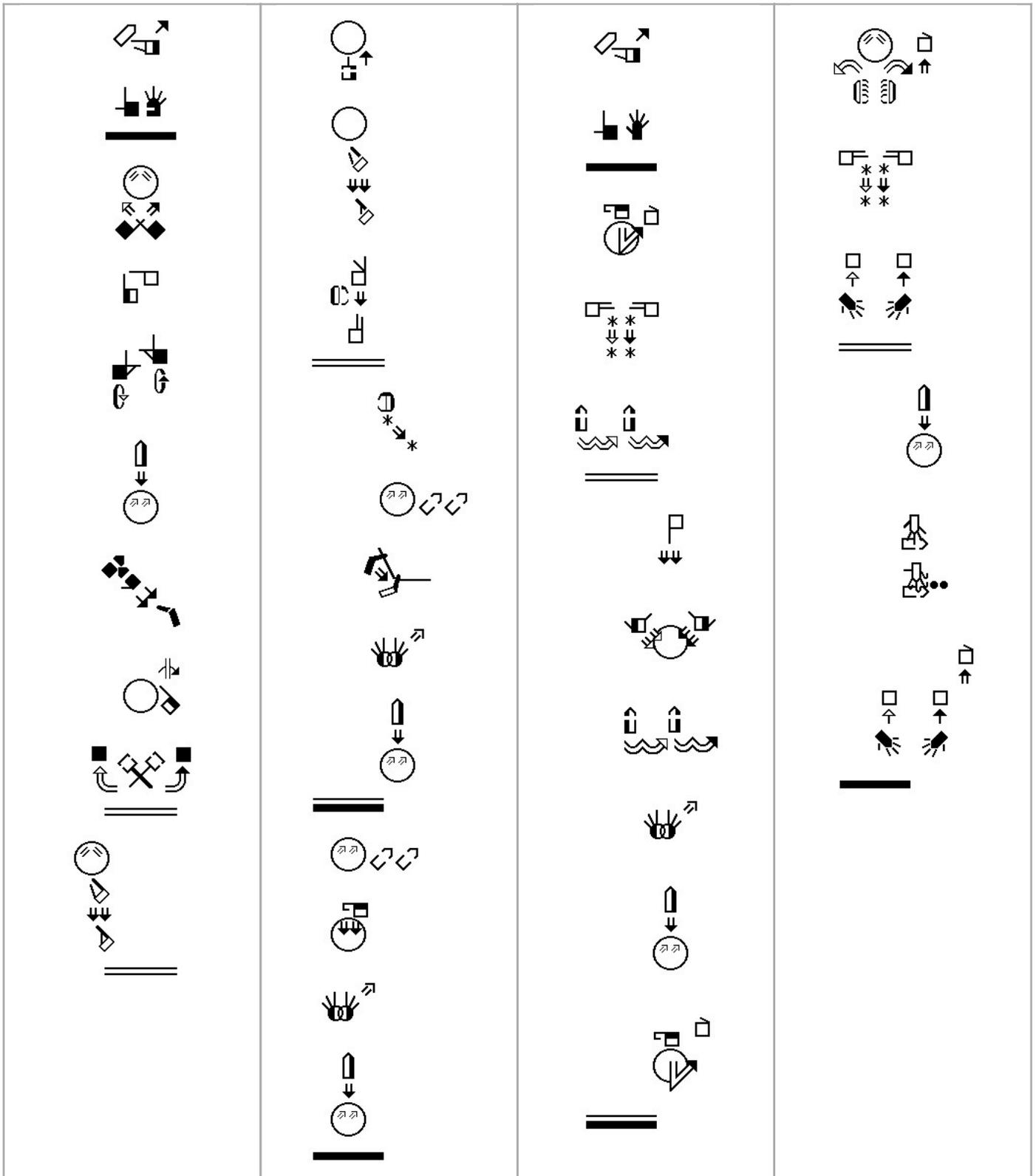
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Verse 18. The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. Verse 19. As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent."
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Verse 20. So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. Verse 21. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.

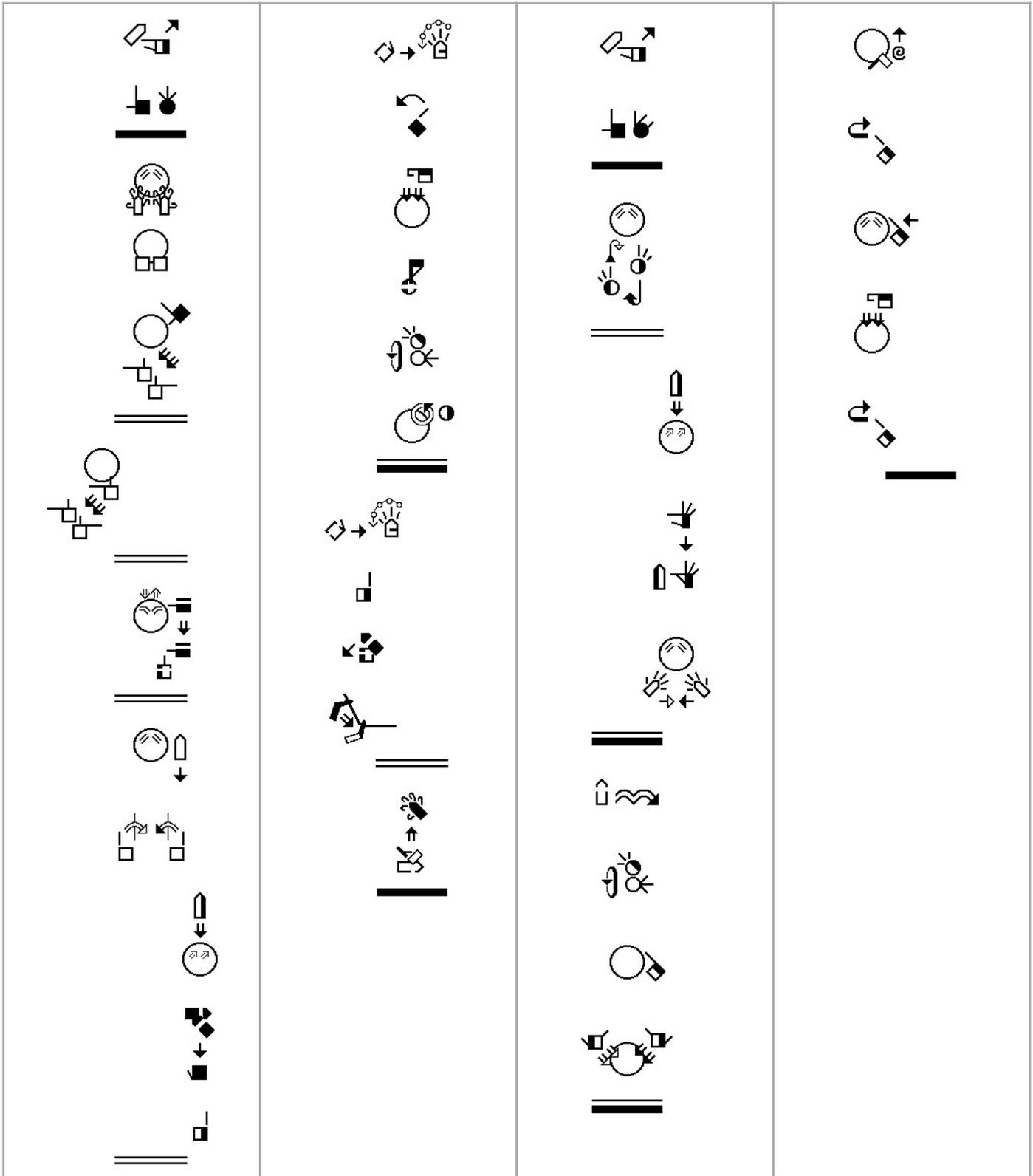
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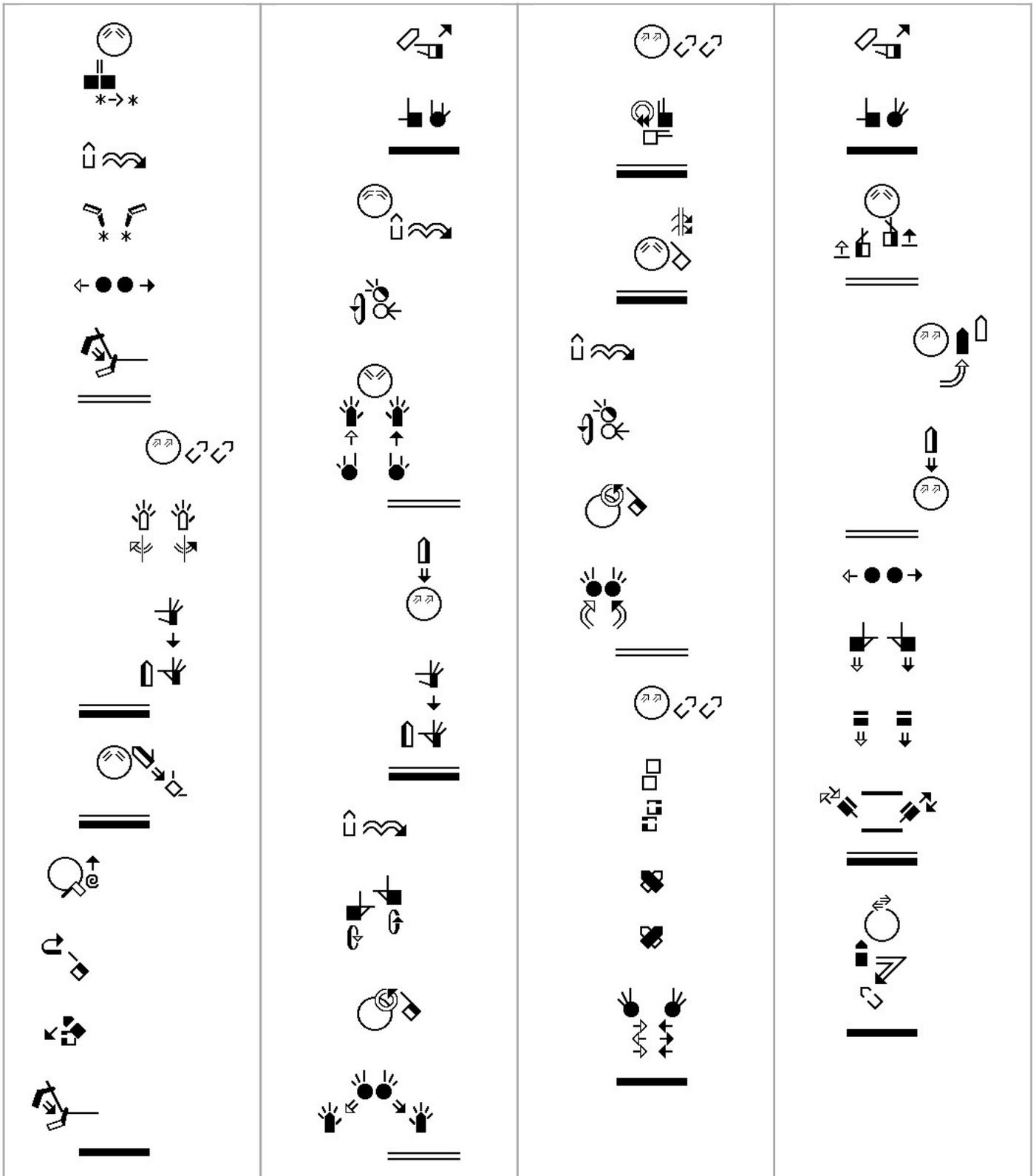
Verse 24. But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of Good and the wisdom of God. Verse 25. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

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1 Corinthians 1:26-27



Verse 26. Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Verse 27. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. NLT



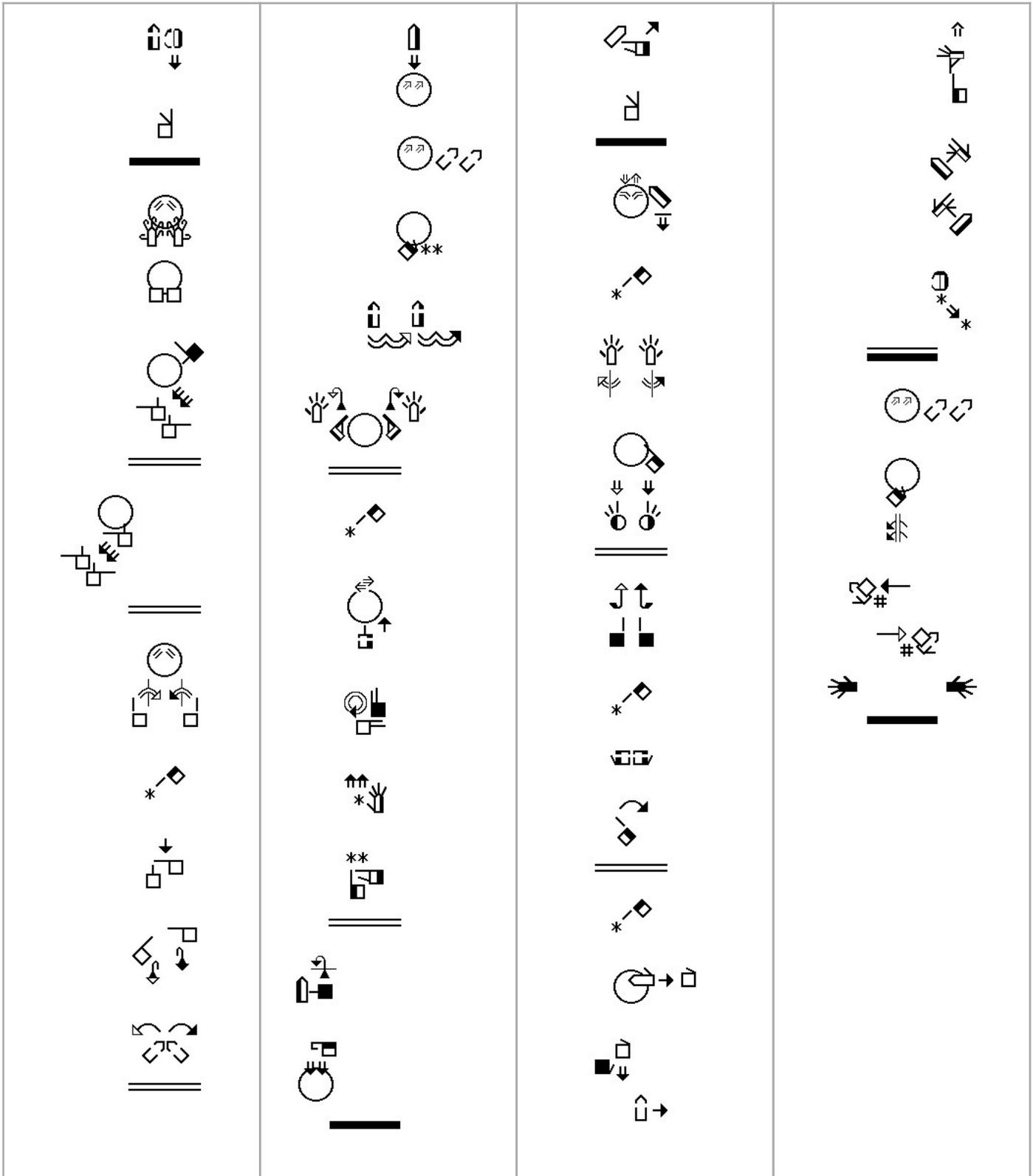
And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. Verse 28. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. Verse 29. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God. NLT

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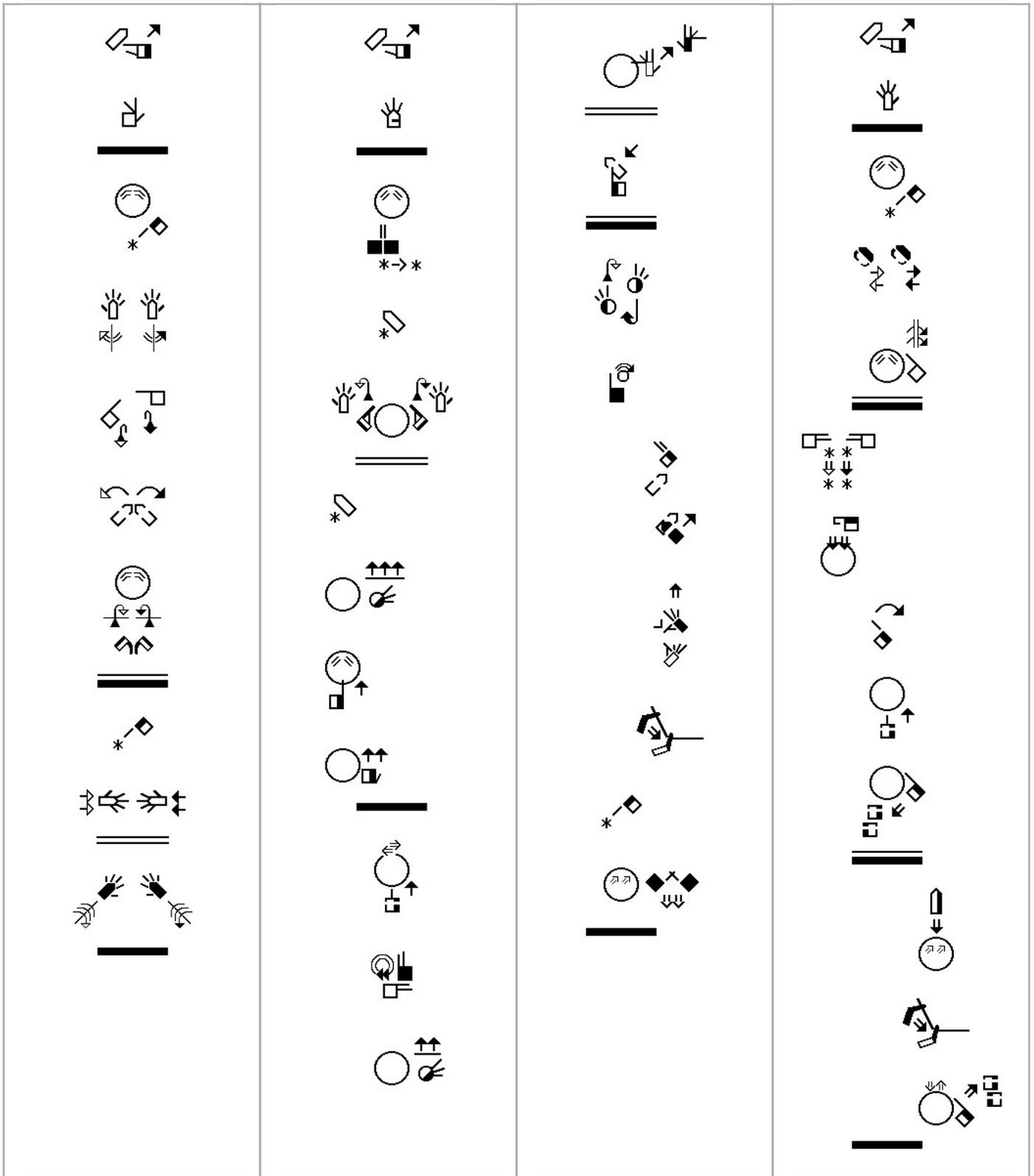
Verse 31. Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD."

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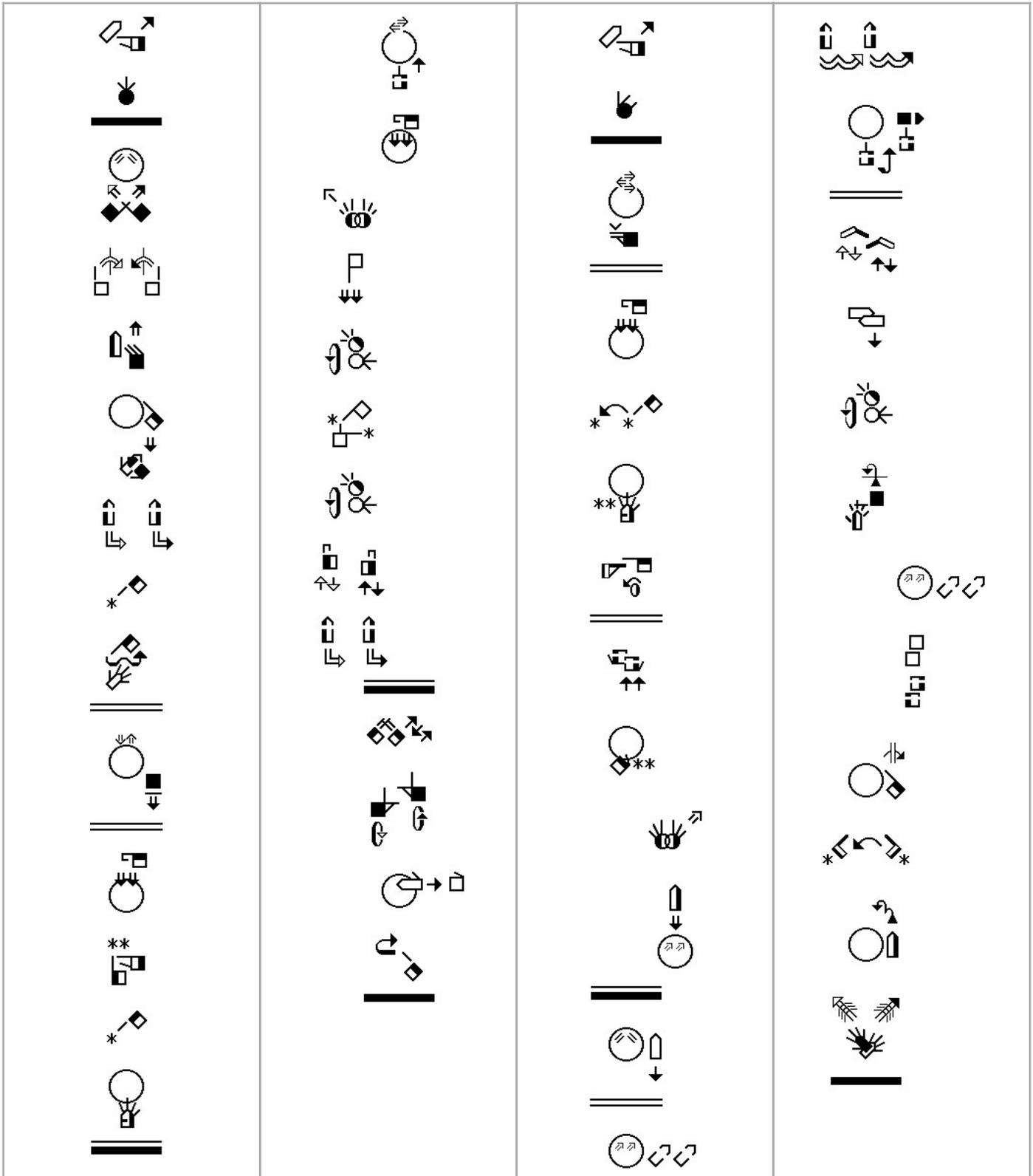
Chapter 2. When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. Verse 2. For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. NLT



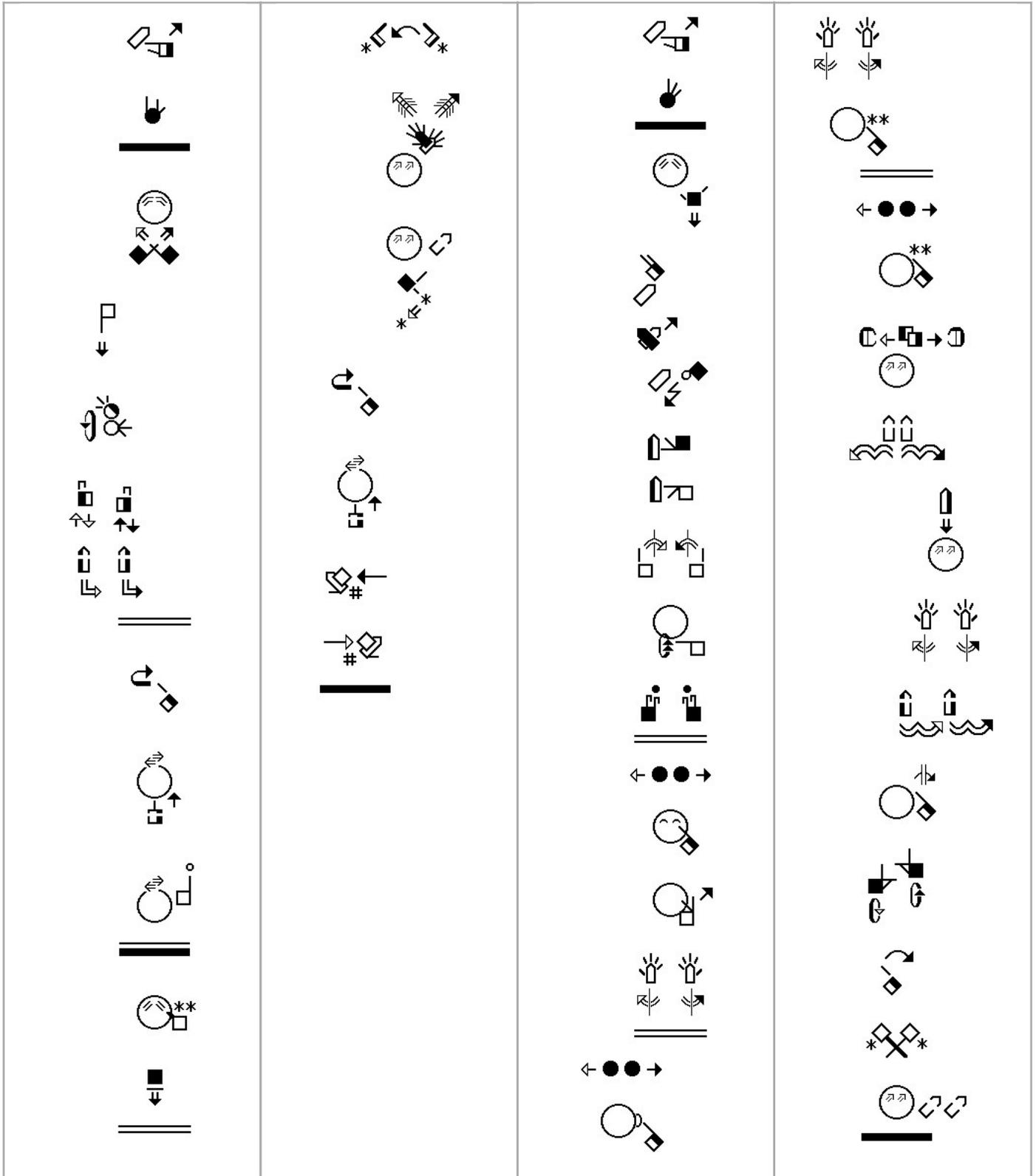
Verse 3. I came to you in weakness -- timid and trembling. Verse 4. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. Verse 5. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

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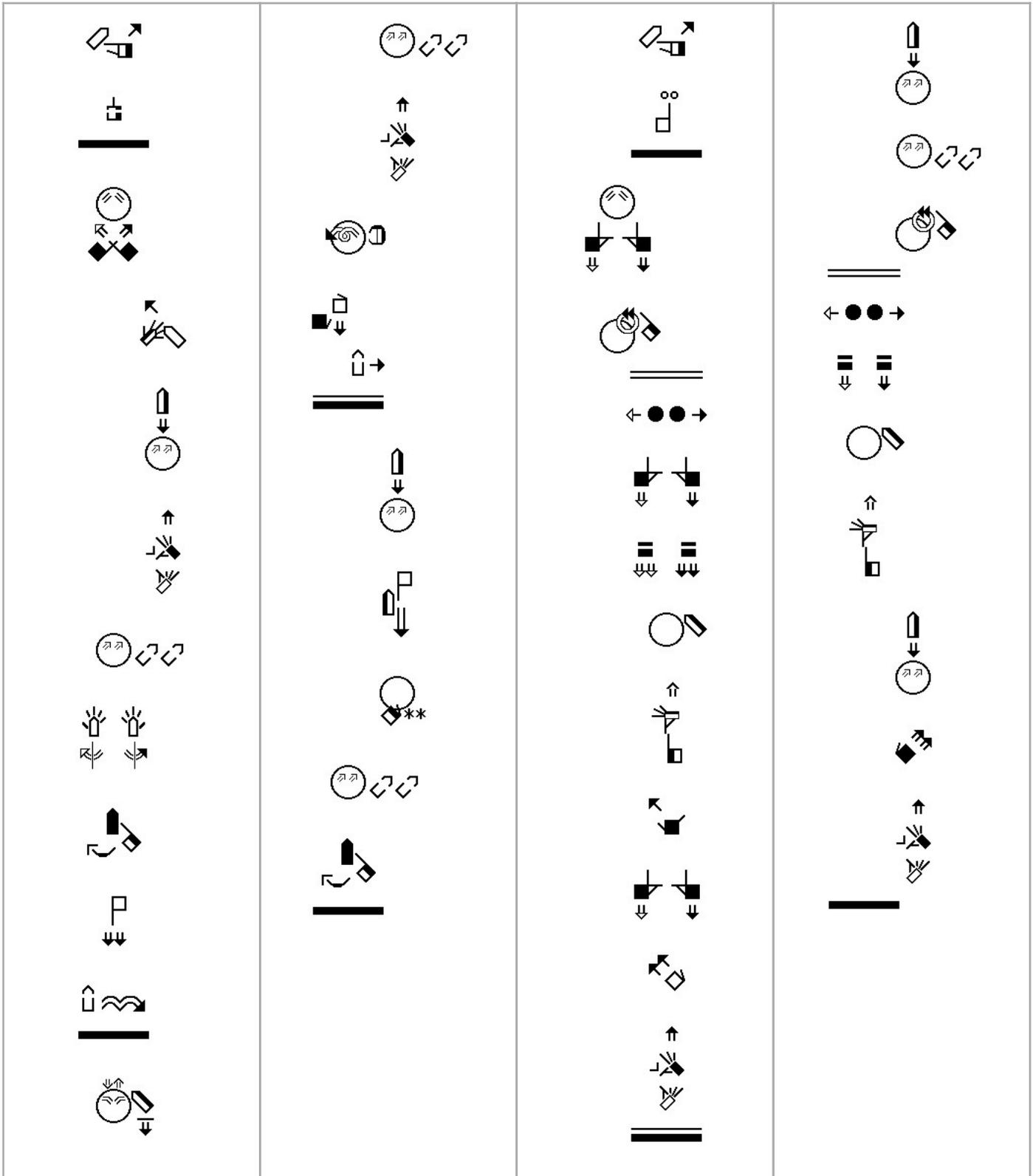
Verse 6. Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. Verse 7. No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God -- his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began.



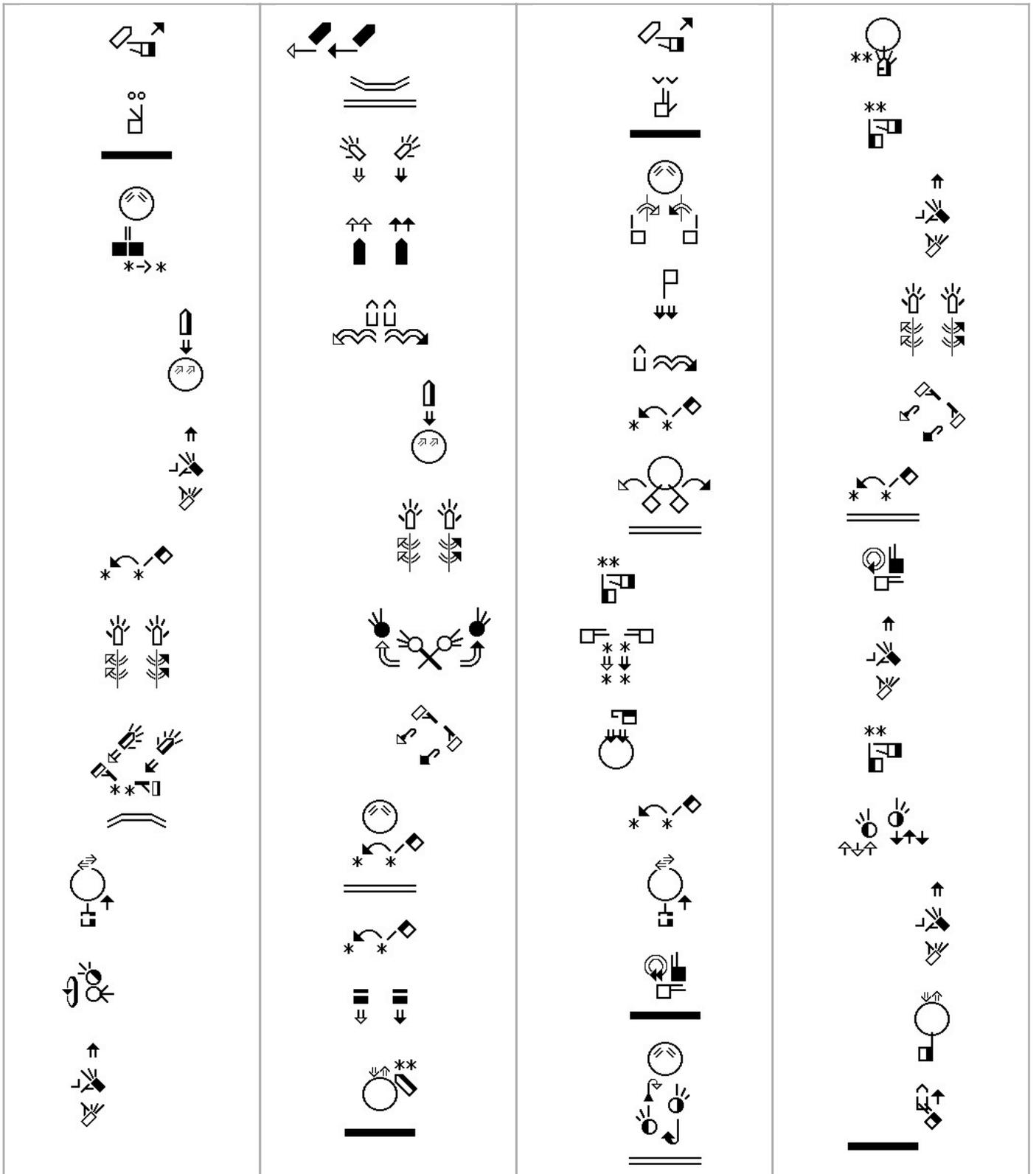
Verse 8. But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. Verse 9. That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

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1 Corinthians 2:10-11



Verse 10. But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. Verse 11. No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. NLT



Verse 12. And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. Verse 13. When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths. NLT

1 Corinthians 3:1-2

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Chapter 3. Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life. Verse 2. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, NLT

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because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, Verse 3. for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world? Verse 4. When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another says,

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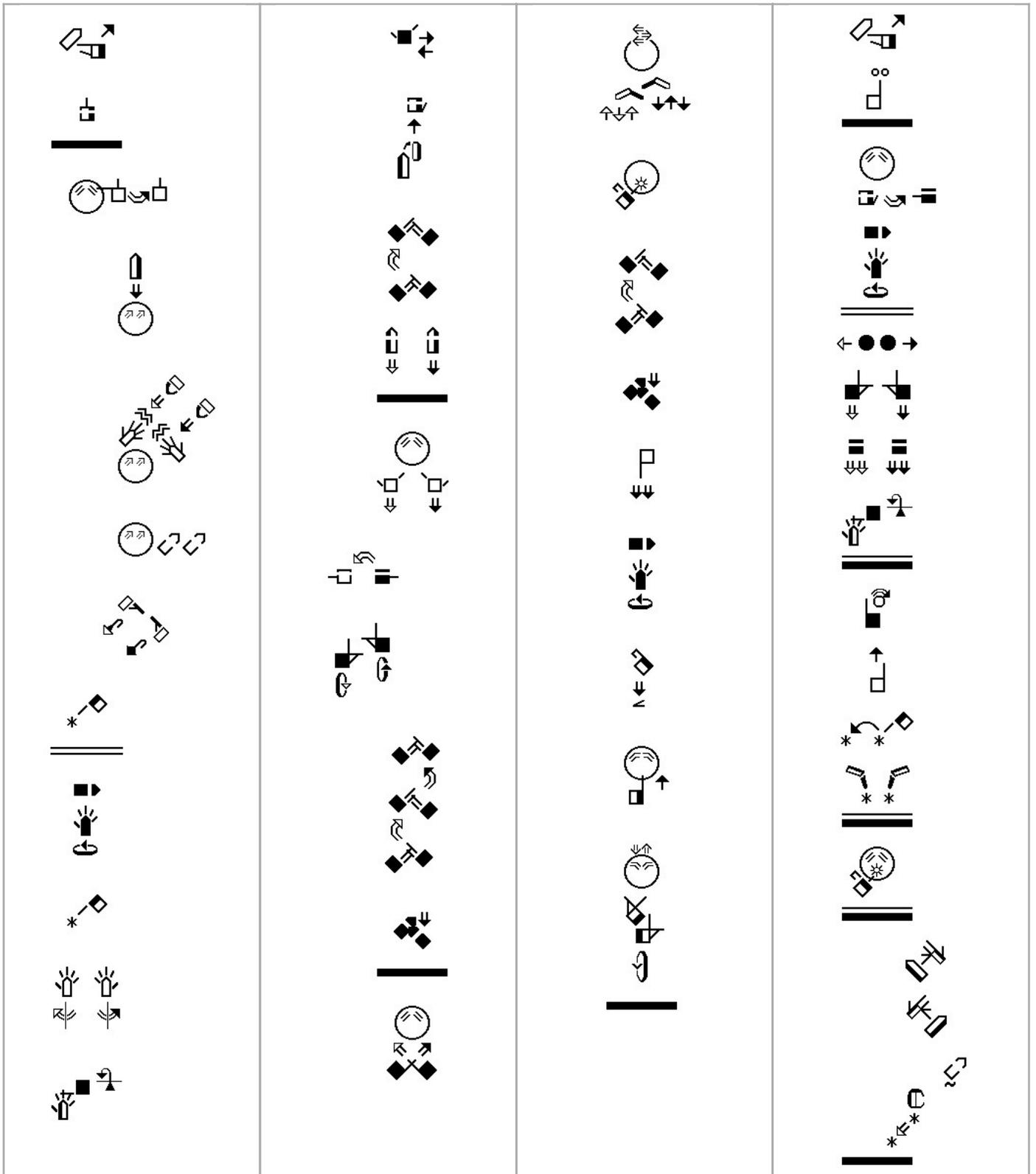
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"I follow Apollos," aren't you acting just like people of the world? Verse 5. After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. NLT

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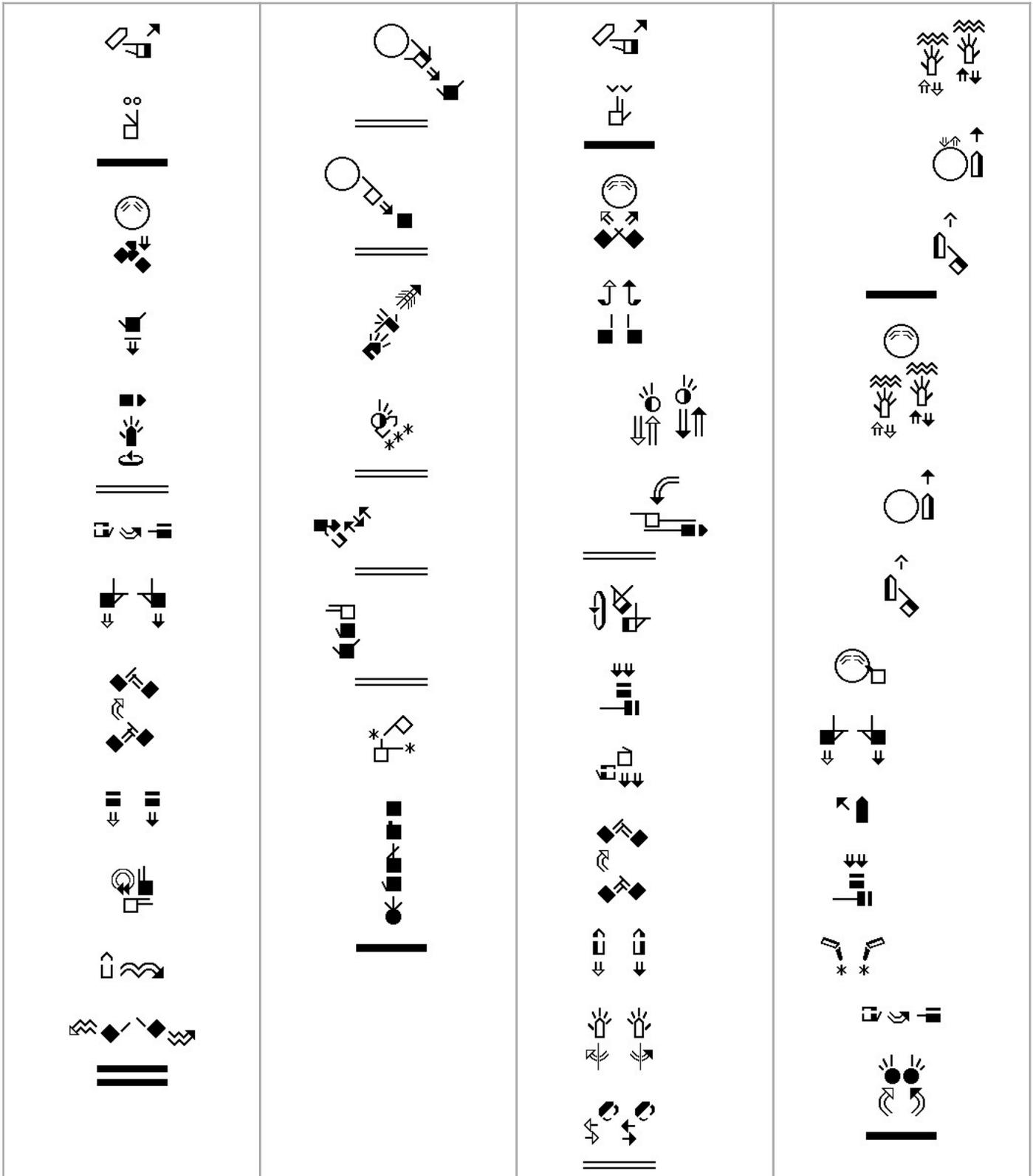
Verse 6. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. Verse 7. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow.
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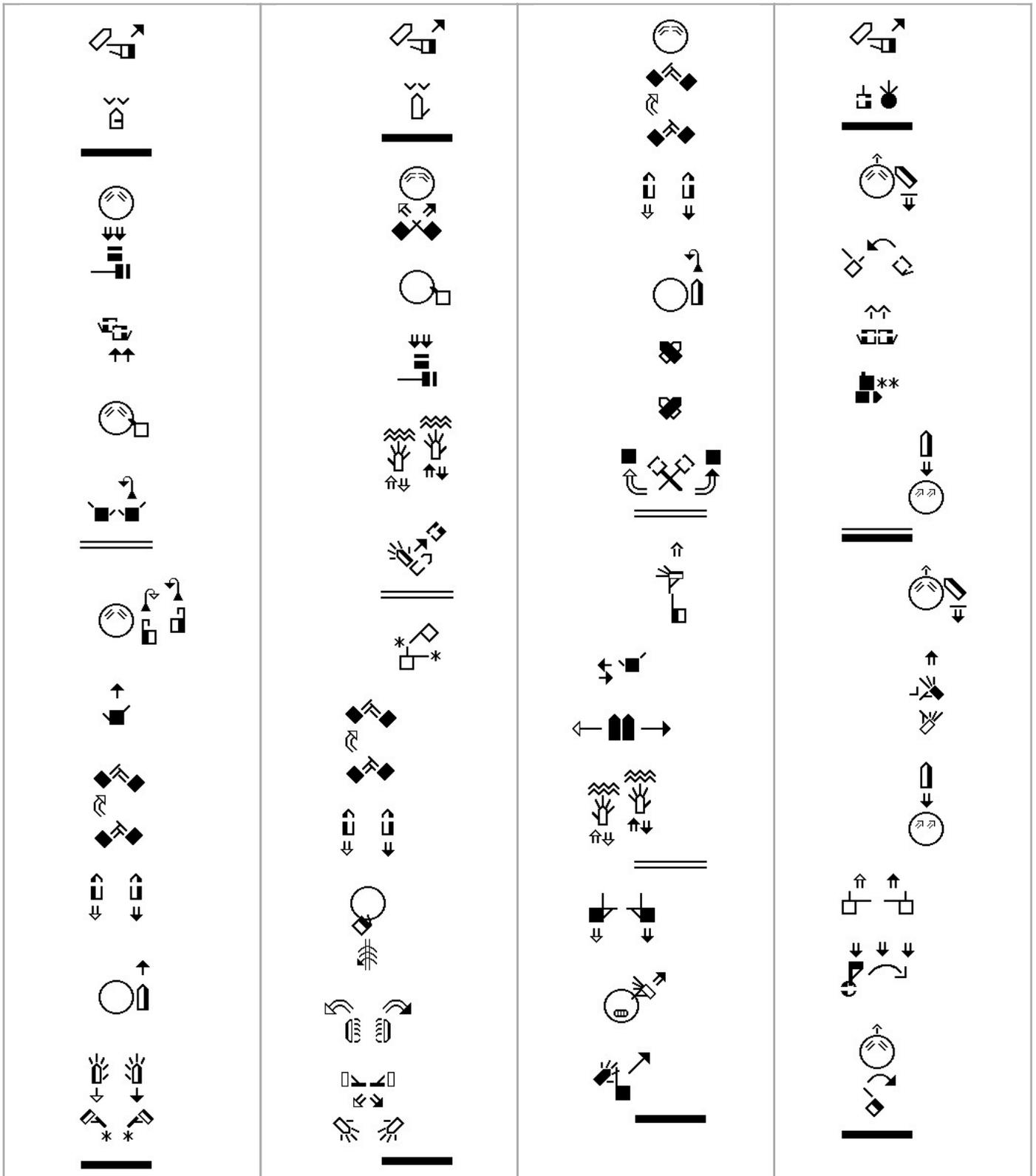
Verse 10. Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. Verse 11. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have -- Jesus Christ.

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1 Corinthians 3:12-13



Verse 12. Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials -- gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. Verse 13. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.



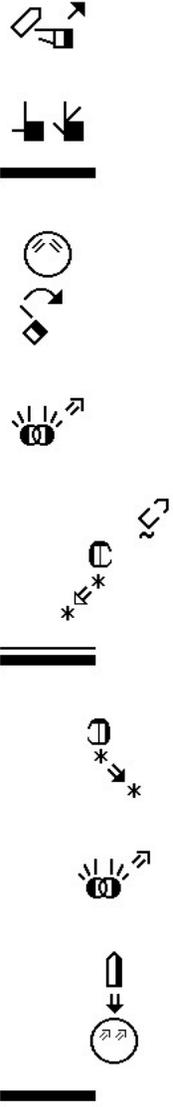
Verse 14. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. Verse 15. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. Verse 16. Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? NLT

Verse 19. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As the Scriptures say, "He traps the wise in the snare of their own cleverness." Verse 20. And again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise; he knows they are worthless." NLT

1 Corinthians 3:21-22

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Verse 21. So don't boast about following a particular human leader. For everything belongs to you -- Verse 22. whether Paul or Apollos or Peter, or the world, or life and death, or the present and the future. Everything belongs to you, NLT

			
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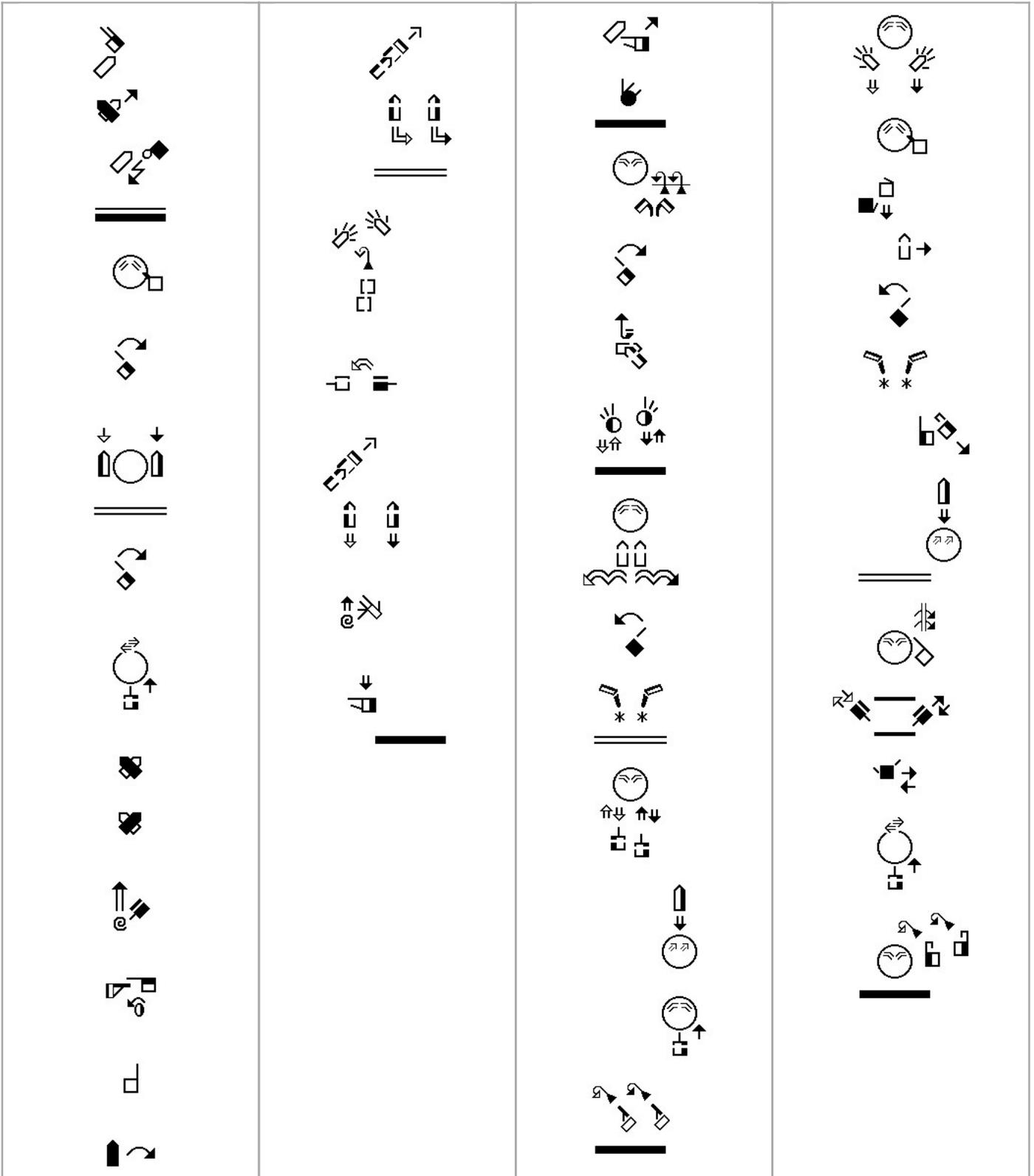
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I don't even trust my own judgment on this point. Verse 4. My conscience is clear, but that doesn't prove I'm right. It is the Lord himself who will examine me and decide. Verse 5. So don't make judgments about anyone ahead of time -- before the Lord returns. NLT

1 Corinthians 4:5-6

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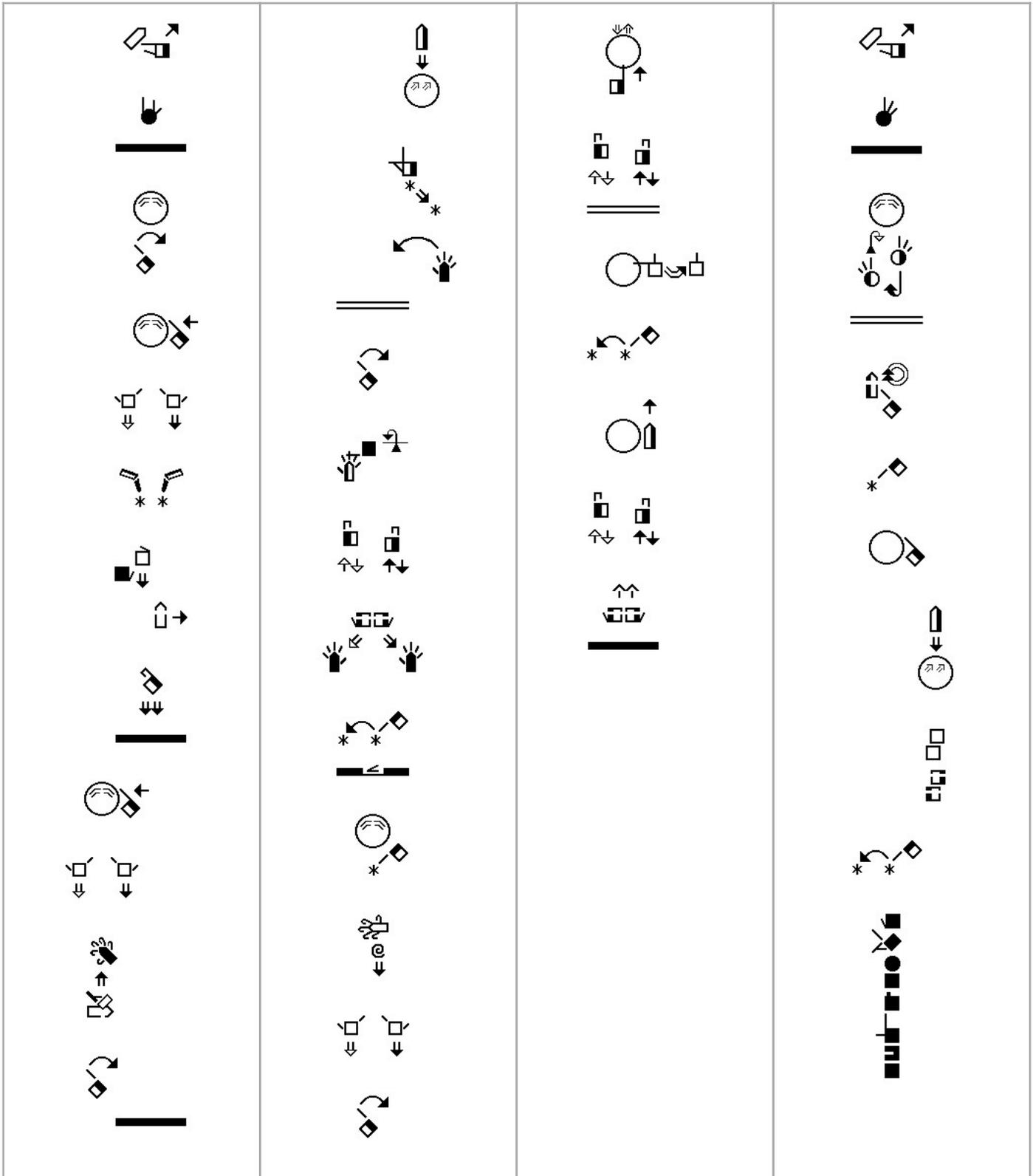
For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due. Verse 6. Dear brothers and sisters, I have used Apollos and myself to illustrate what I've been saying. If you pay attention to what I have quoted
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from the Scriptures, you won't be proud of one of your leaders at the expense of another. Verse 7. For what gives you the right to make such a judgment? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?

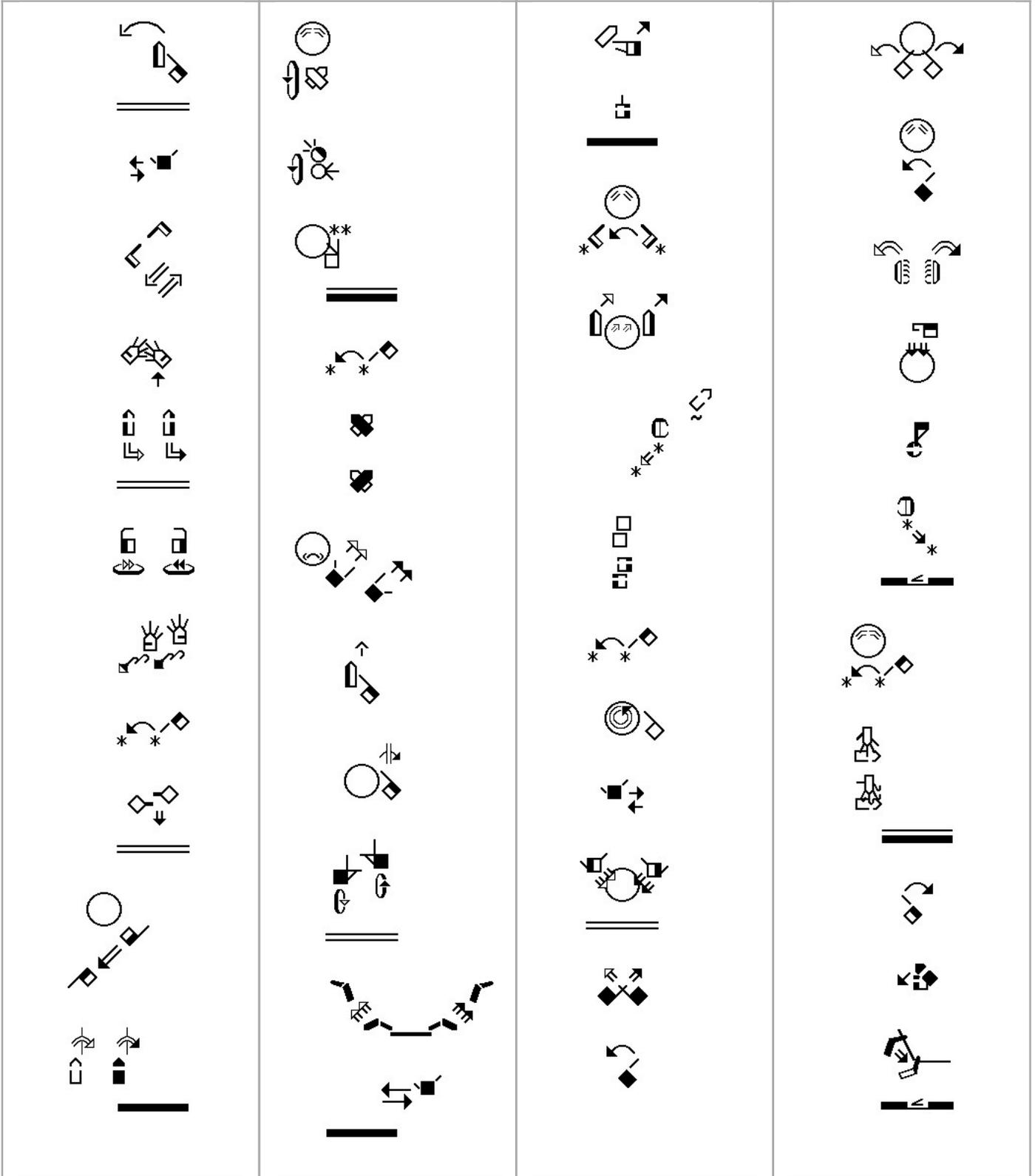
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1 Corinthians 4:8-9



Verse 8. You think you already have everything you need. You think you are already rich. You have begun to reign in God's kingdom without us! I wish you really were reigning already, for then we would be reigning with you. Verse 9. Instead, I sometimes think God has put us apostles

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on display, like prisoners of war at the end of a victor's parade, condemned to die. We have become a spectacle to the entire world -- to people and angels alike. Verse 10. Our dedication to Christ makes us look like fools, but you claim to be so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are so powerful!
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1 Corinthians 4:10-12

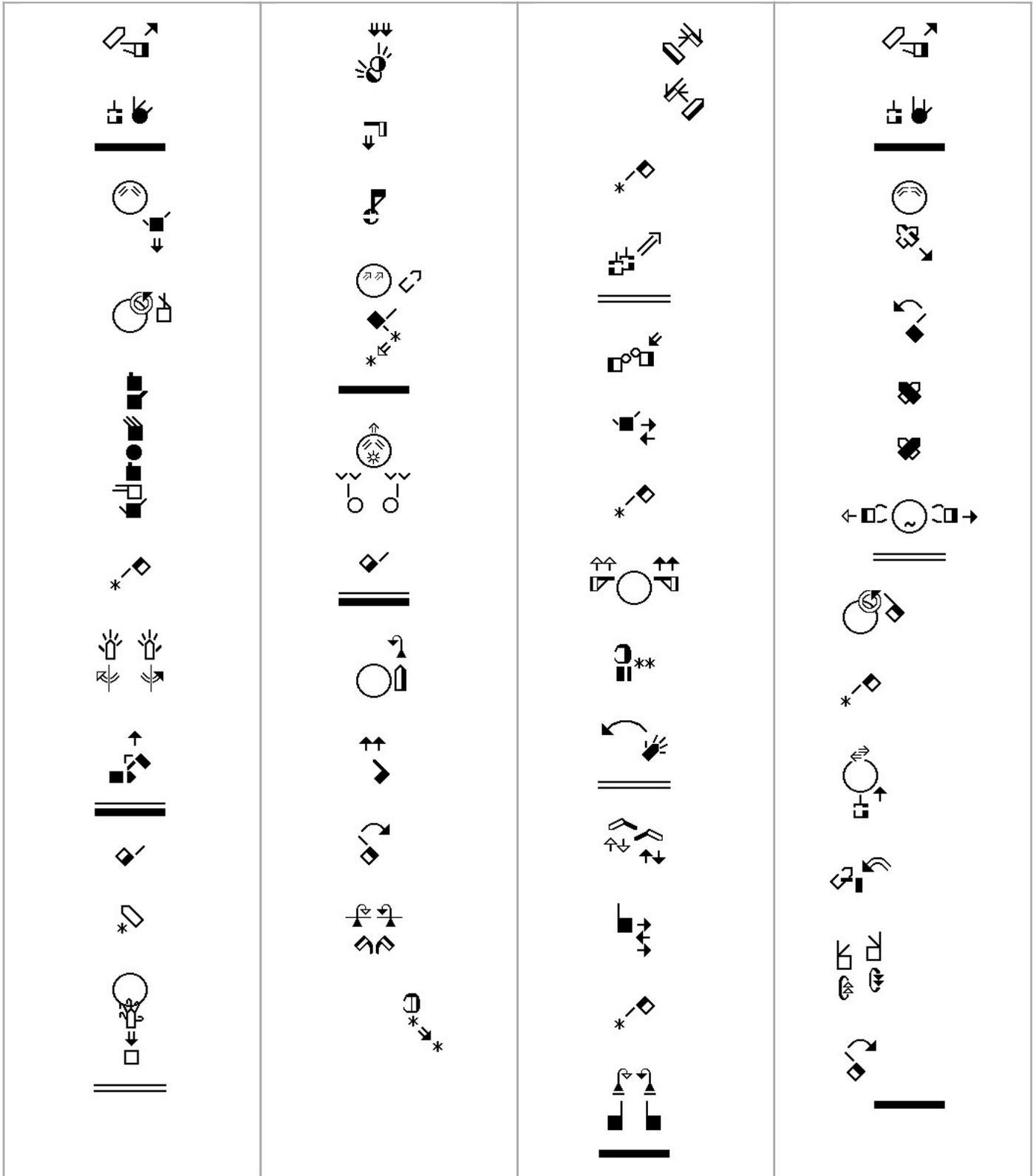
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You are honored, but we are ridiculed. Verse 11. Even now we go hungry and thirsty, and we don't have enough clothes to keep warm. We are often beaten and have no home. Verse 12. We work wearily with our own hands to earn our living. We bless those who curse us.

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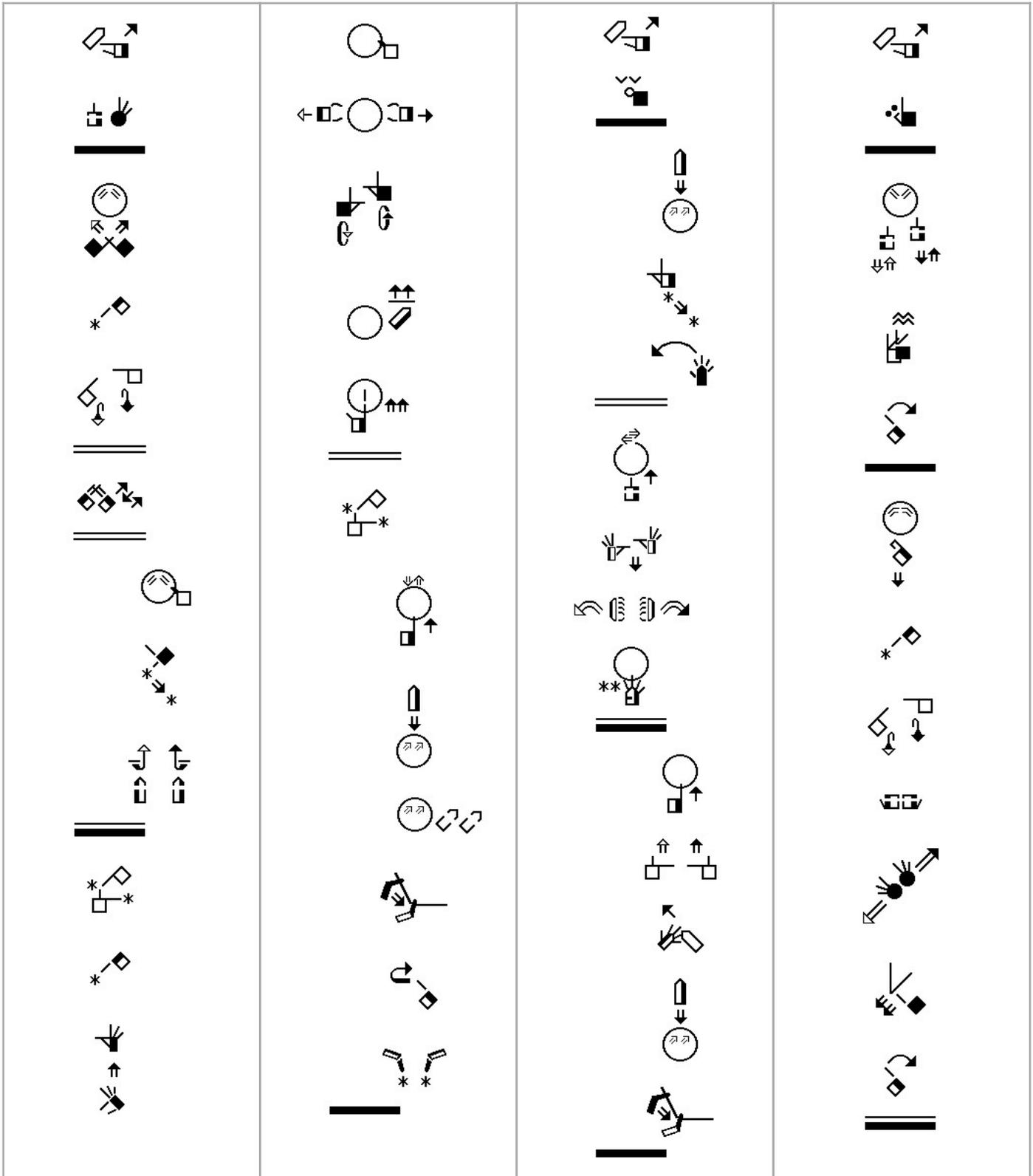
We are patient with those who abuse us. Verse 13. We appeal gently when evil things are said about us. Yet we are treated like the world's garbage, like everybody's trash -- right up to the present moment. Verse 14. I am not writing these things to shame you, but to warn you as my beloved children.

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Verse 17. That's why I have sent Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord. He will remind you of how I follow Christ Jesus, just as I teach in all the churches wherever I go. Verse 18. Some of you have become arrogant, thinking I will not visit you again. NLT

1 Corinthians 4:19-21



Verse 19. But I will come -- and soon -- if the Lord lets me, and then I'll find out whether these arrogant people just give pretentious speeches or whether they really have God's power. Verse 20. For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power. Verse 21. Which do you choose? Should I come with a rod to punish you, NLT

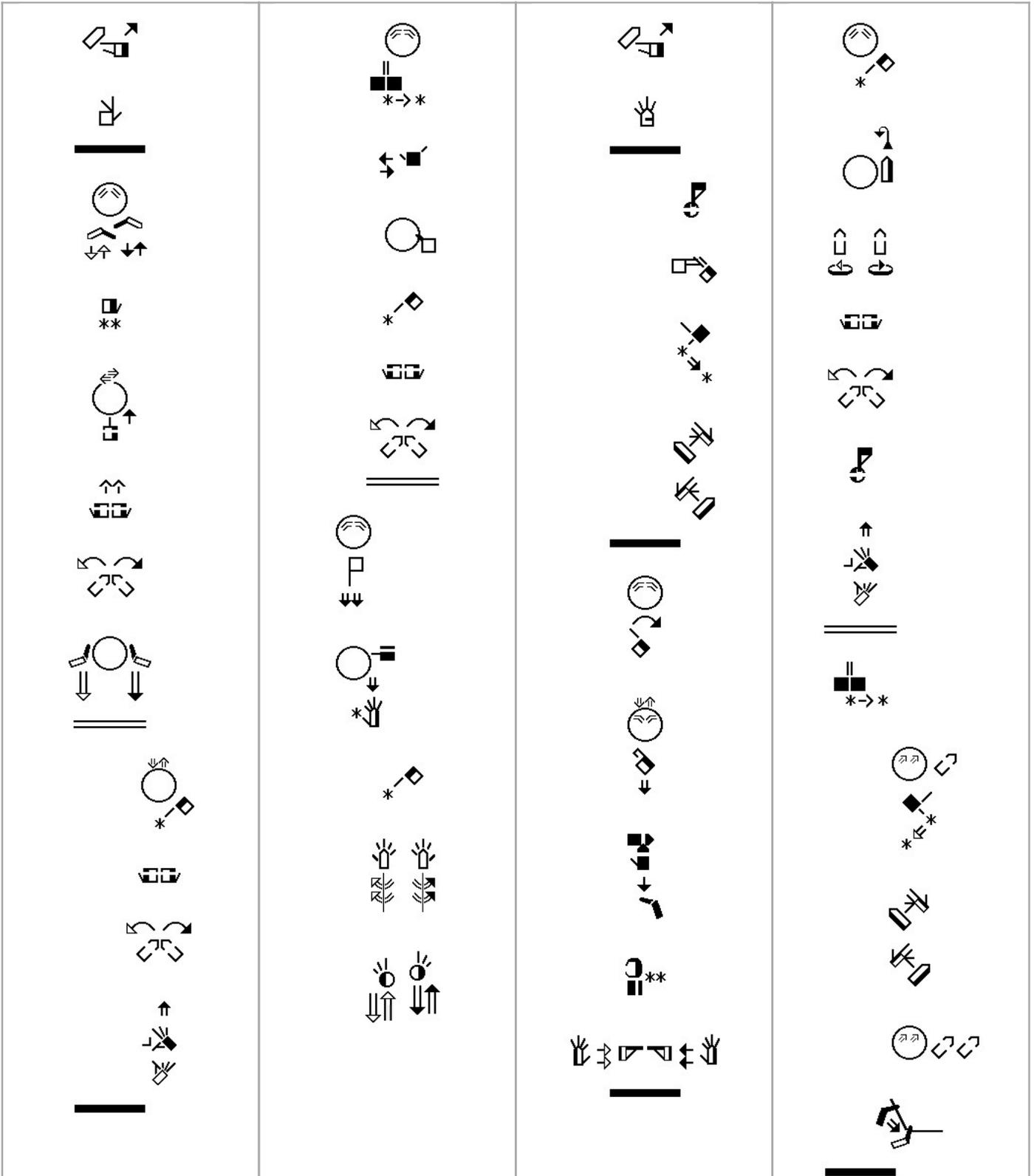
			
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or should I come with love and a gentle spirit?

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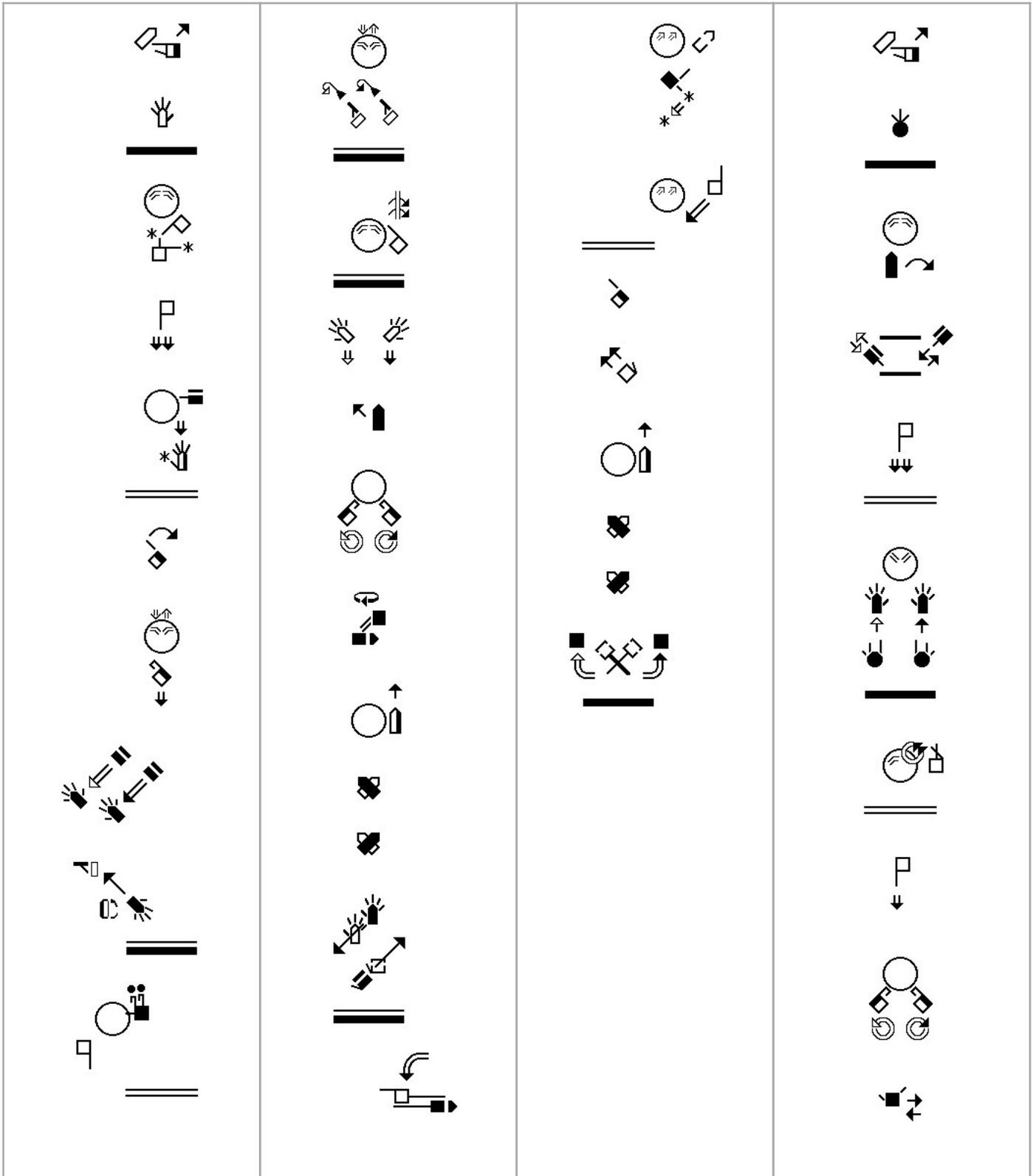
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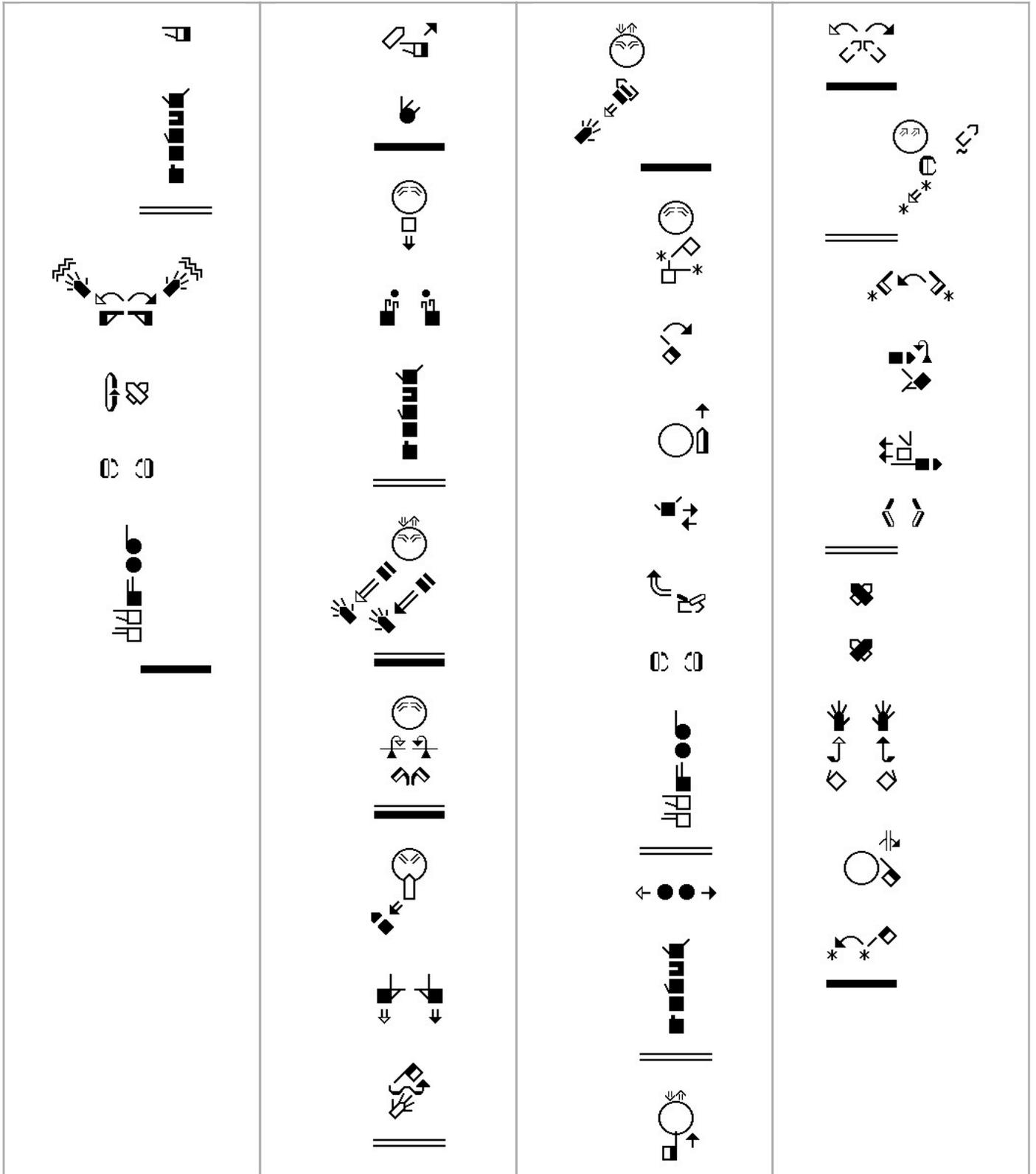


Verse 3. Even though I am not with you in person, I am with you in the Spirit. And as though I were there, I have already passed judgment on this man Verse 4. in the name of the Lord Jesus. You must call a meeting of the church. I will be present with you in spirit, and so will the power of our Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 5:5-6



Verse 5. Then you must throw this man out and hand him over to Satan so that his sinful nature will be destroyed and he himself will be saved on the day the Lord returns. Verse 6. Your boasting about this is terrible. Don't you realize that this sin is like NLT



a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough? Verse 7. Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you. Then you will be like a fresh batch of dough made without yeast, which is what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.

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Verse 10. But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. Verse 11. I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer
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1 Corinthians 5:11-12

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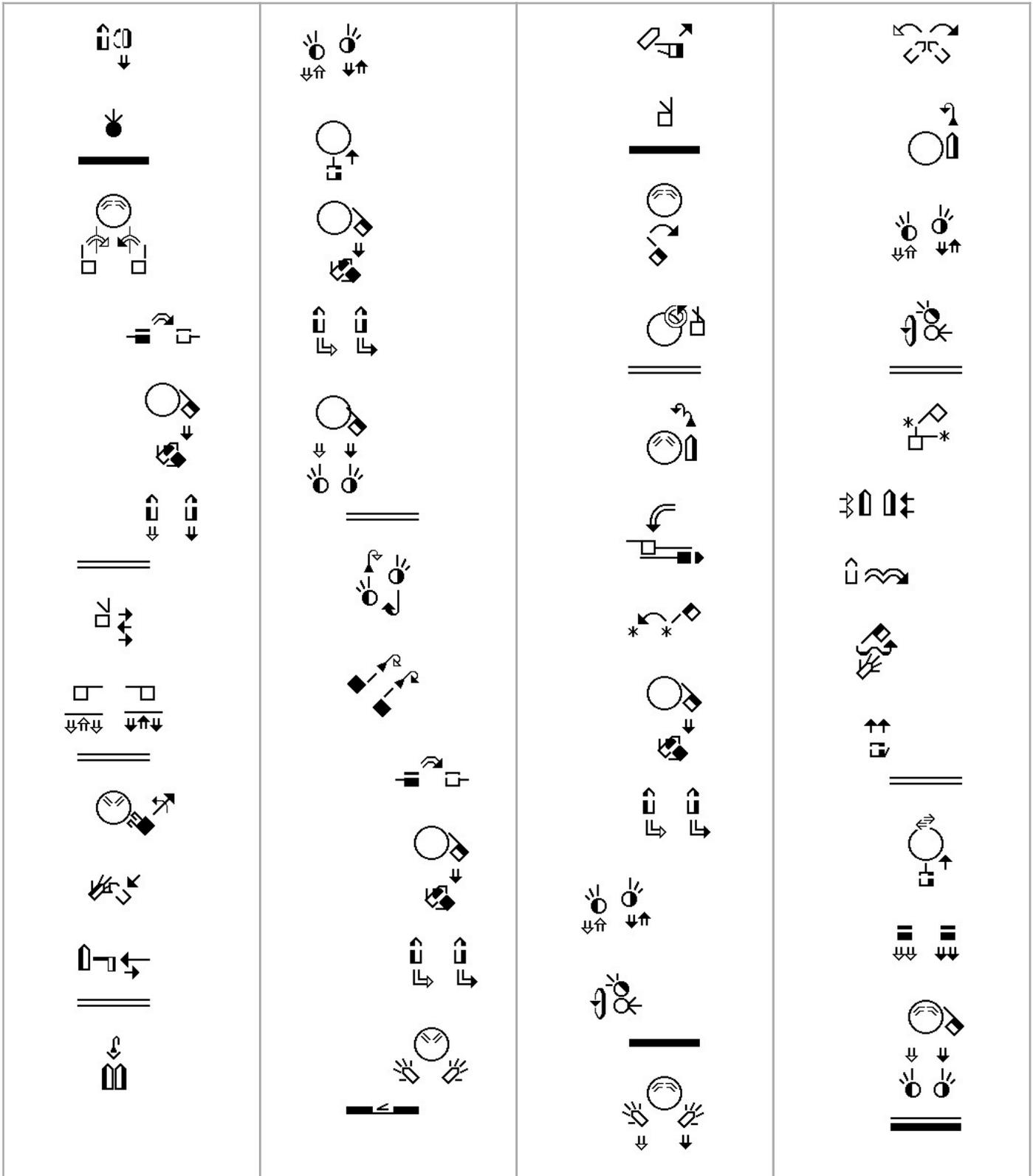
yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people. Verse 12. It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning.

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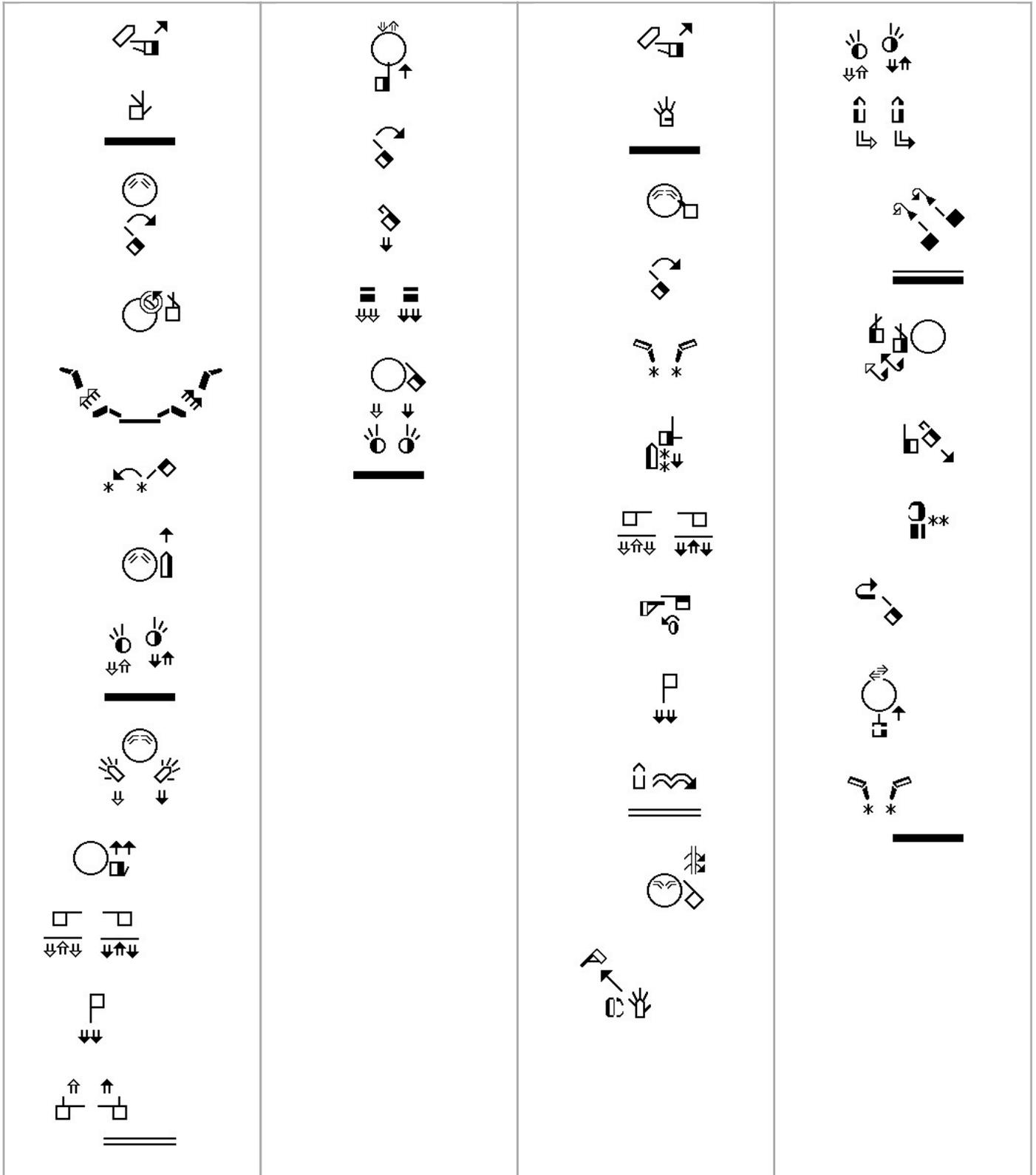
Verse 13. God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, "You must remove the evil person from among you."

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1 Corinthians 6:1-2



Chapter 6. When one of you has a dispute with another believer, how dare you file a lawsuit and ask a secular court to decide the matter instead of taking it to other believers! Verse 2. Don't you realize that someday we believers will judge the world? And since you are going to judge the world, can't you decide even these little things among yourselves?
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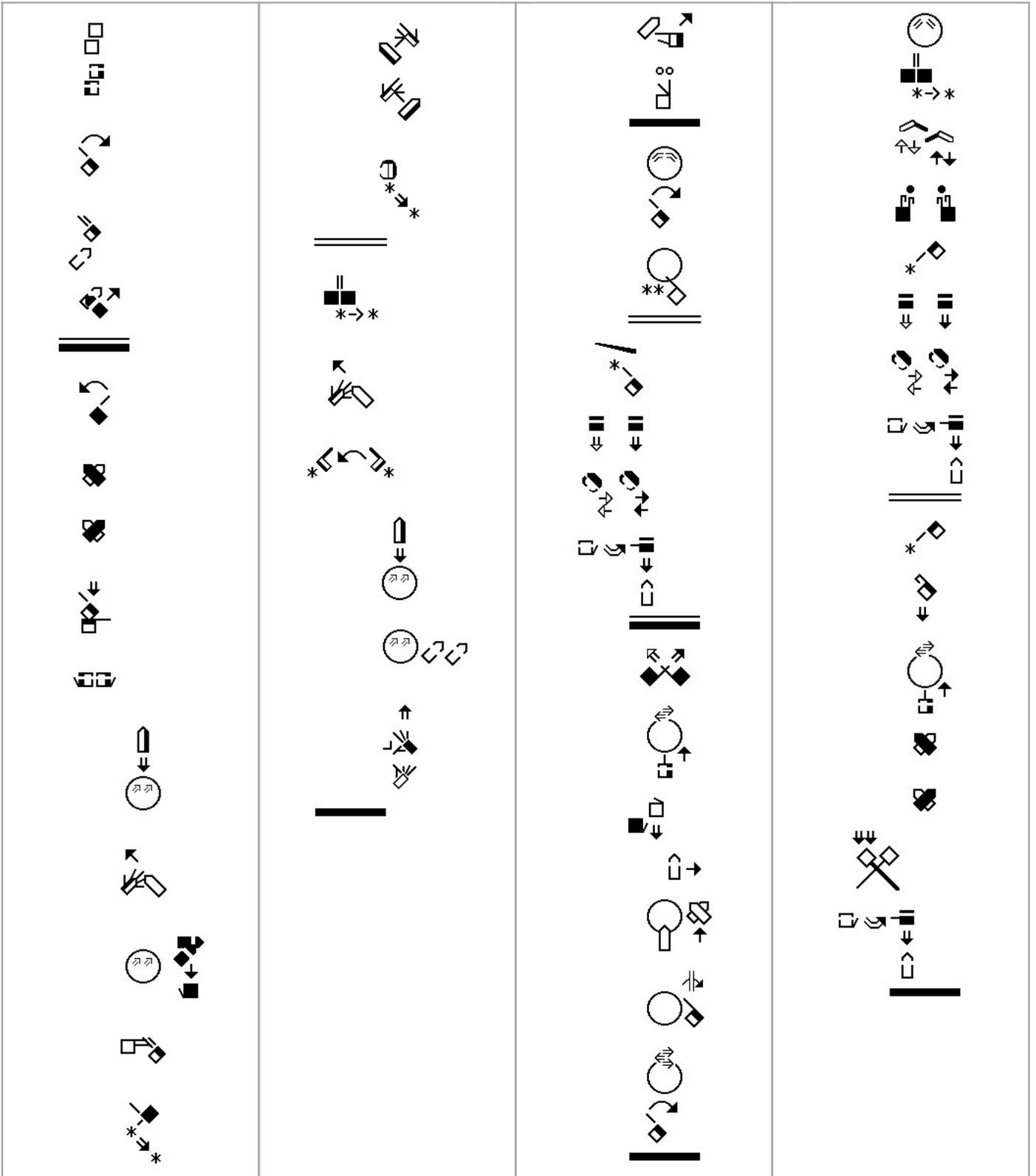


Verse 3. Don't you realize that we will judge angels? So you should surely be able to resolve ordinary disputes in this life. Verse 4. If you have legal disputes about such matters, why go to outside judges who are not respected by the church? NLT

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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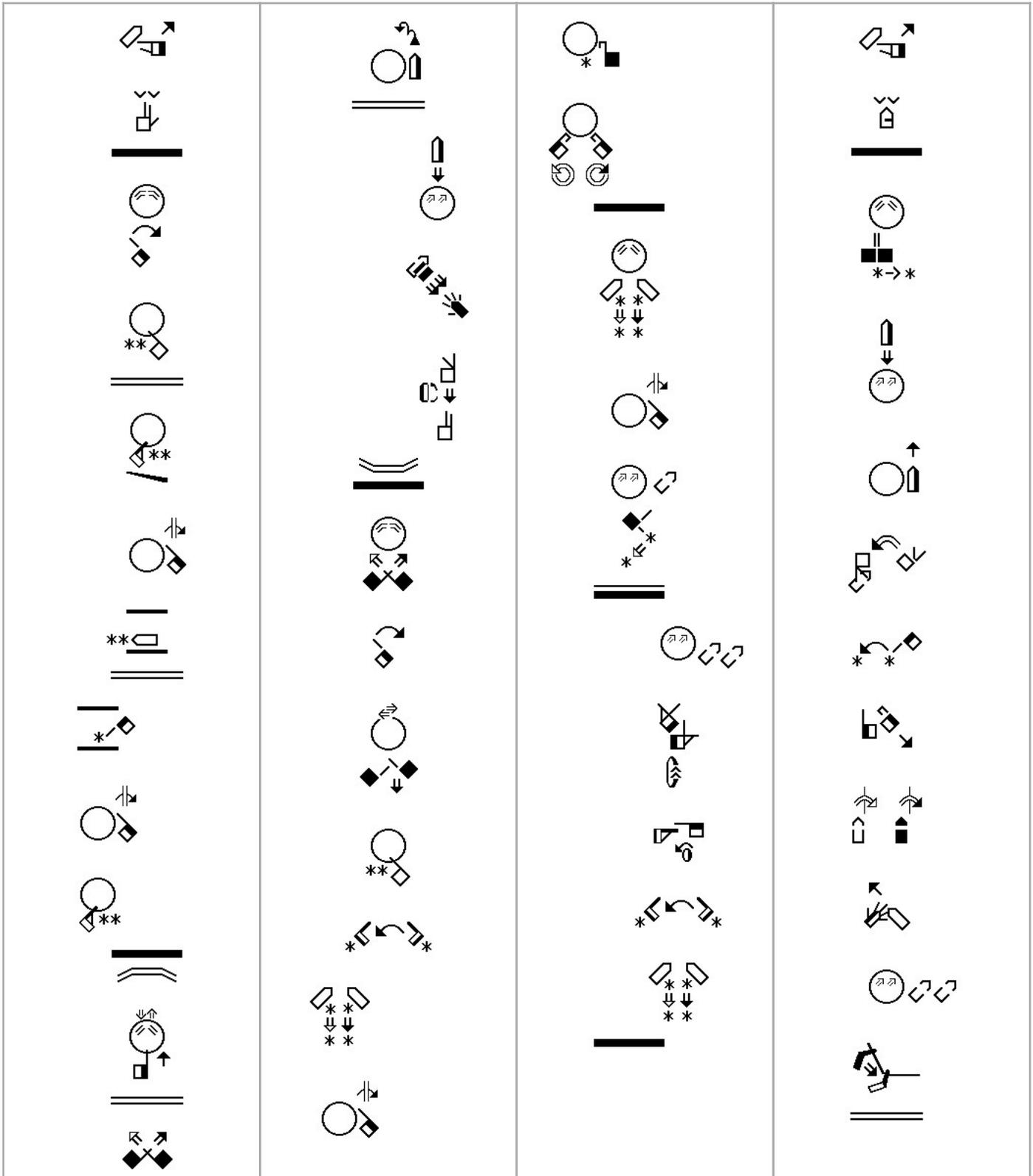
who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, Verse 10. or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people -- none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Verse 11. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed;



you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. Verse 12. You say, "I am allowed to do anything: -- but not everything is good for you. And even though "I am allowed to do anything," I must not become a slave to anything.

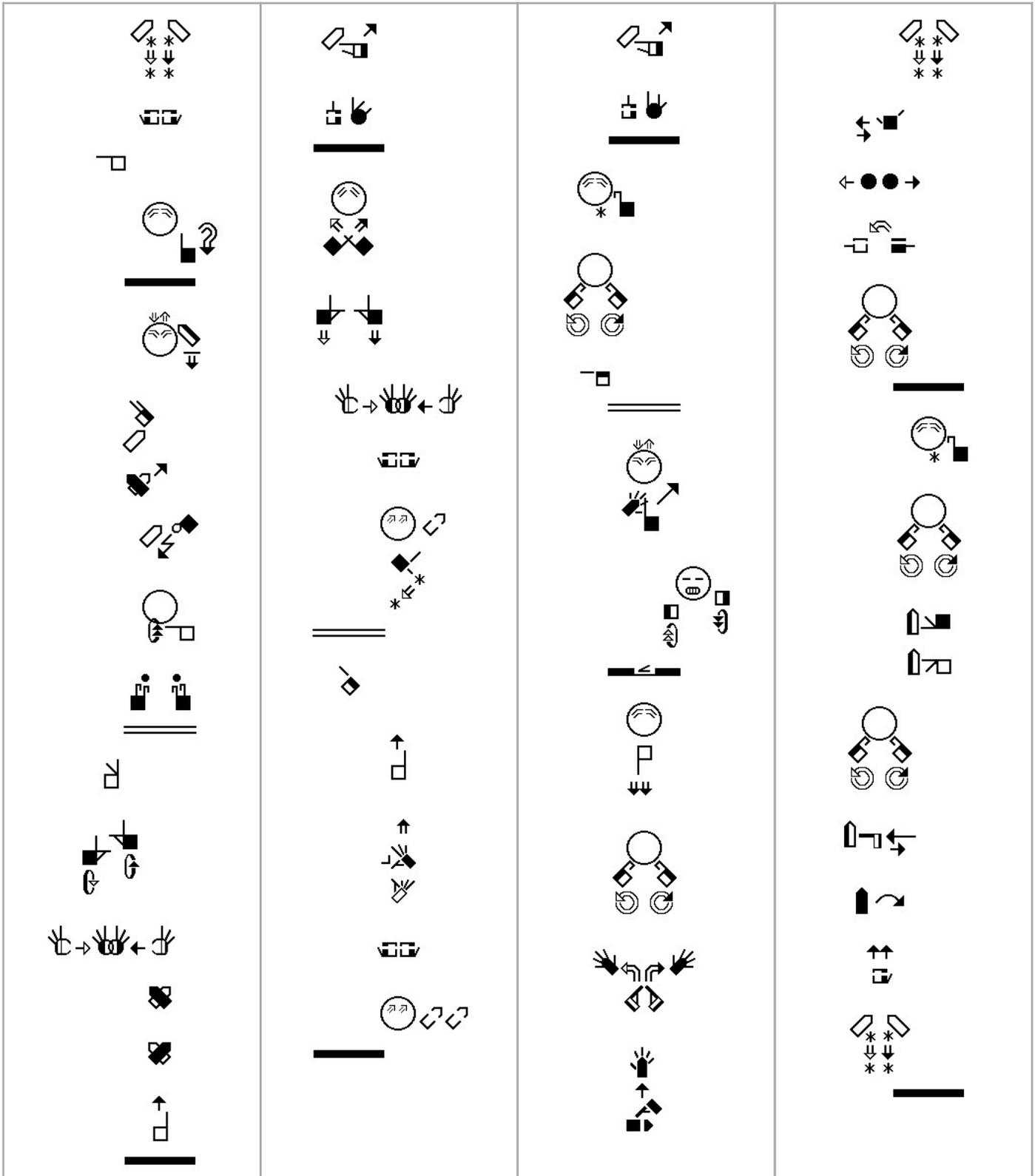
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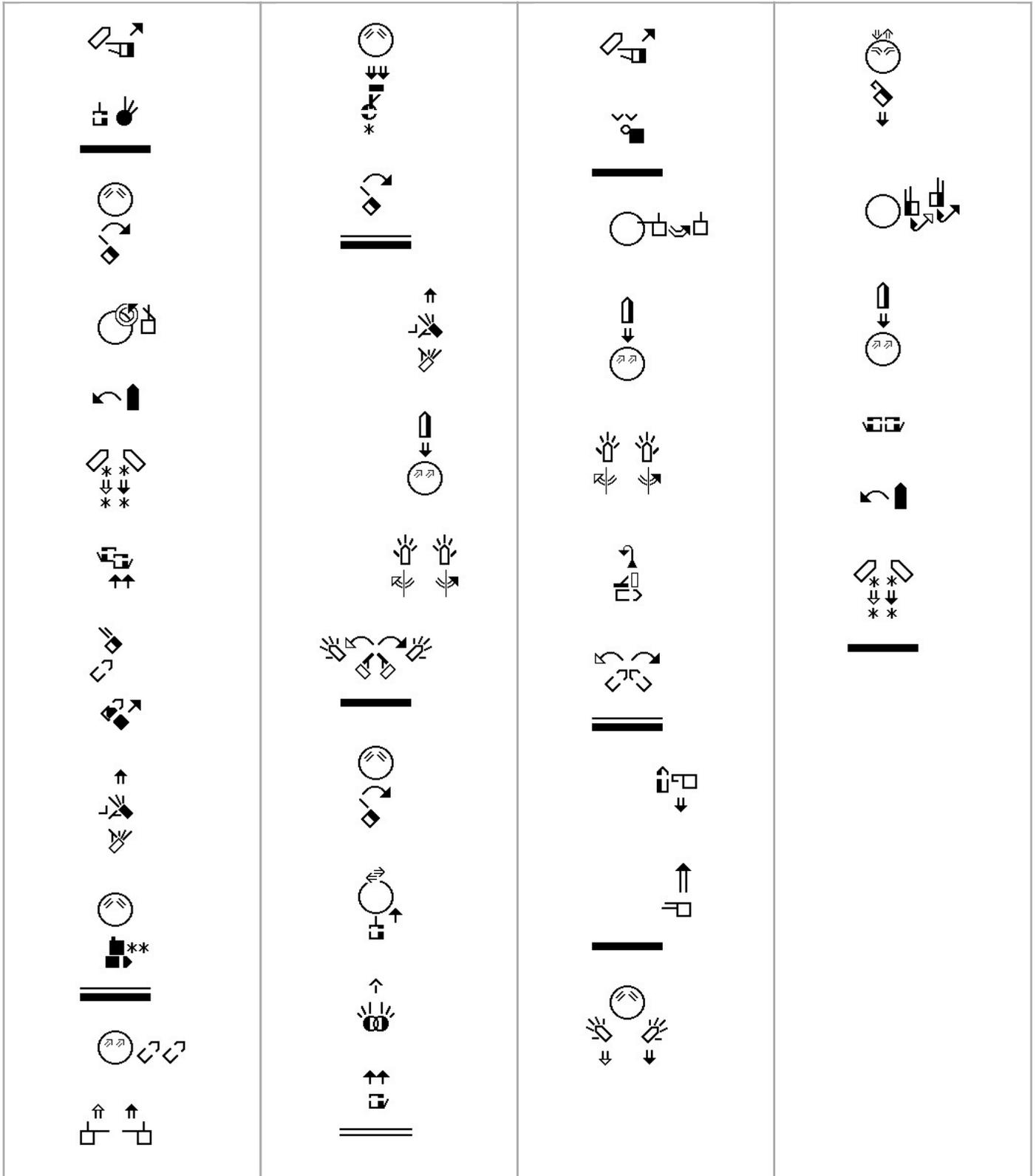


Verse 13. You say, "Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food." (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies. Verse 14. And God will raise us from the dead by his power, NLT

1 Corinthians 6:16-18



body with her? For the Scriptures say, "The two are united into one." Verse 17. But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Verse 18. Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.



Verse 19. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, Verse 20. for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. NLT

1 Corinthians 7:1-3

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Chapter 7. Now regarding the questions you asked in your letter. Yes, it is good to abstain from sexual relations. Verse 2. But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband. Verse 3. The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. NLT

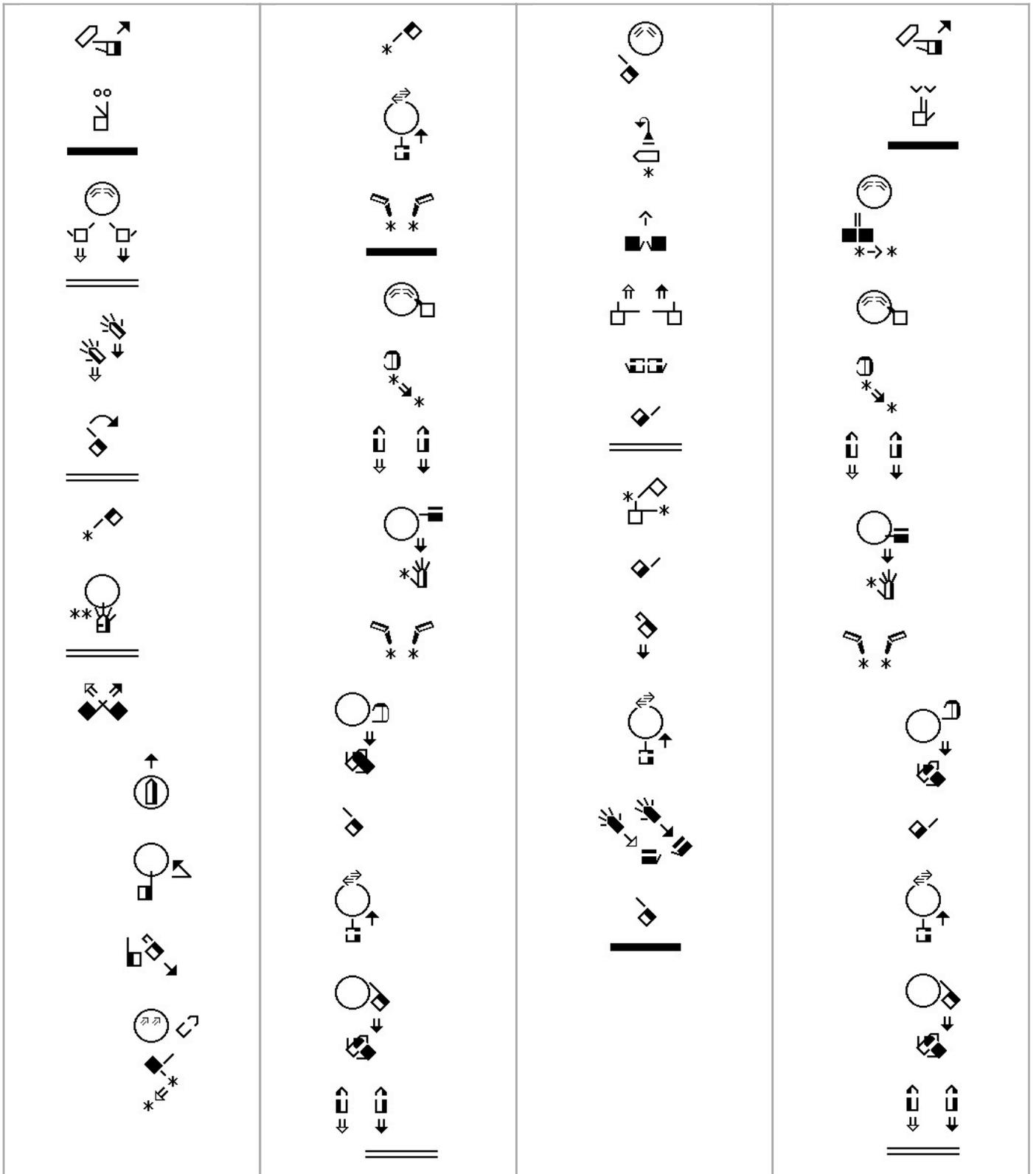
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has a special gift from God, of one kind or another. Verse 8. So I say to those who aren't married and to widows -- it's better to stay unmarried, just as I am. Verse 9. But if they can't control themselves, they should go ahead and marry. It's better to marry than to burn with lust.

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1 Corinthians 7:10-11

Verse 10. But for those who are married, I have a command that comes not from me, but from the Lord. A wife must not leave her husband. Verse 11. But if she does leave him, let her remain single or else be reconciled to him. And the husband must not leave his wife.

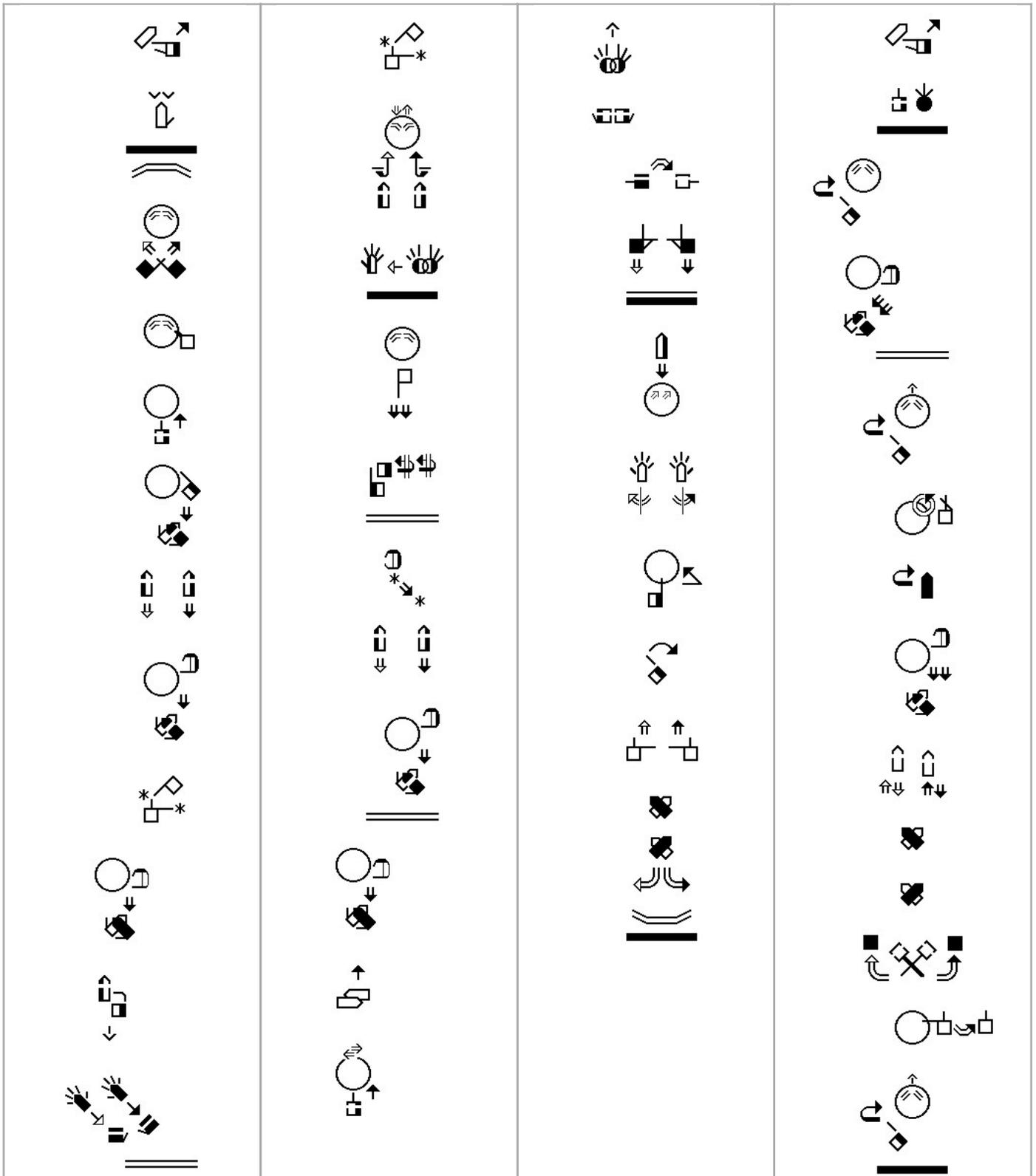


Verse 12. Now, I will speak to the rest of you, though I do not have a direct command from the Lord. If a Christian man has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to continue living with him, he must not leave her. Verse 13. And if a Christian woman has a husband who is not a believer

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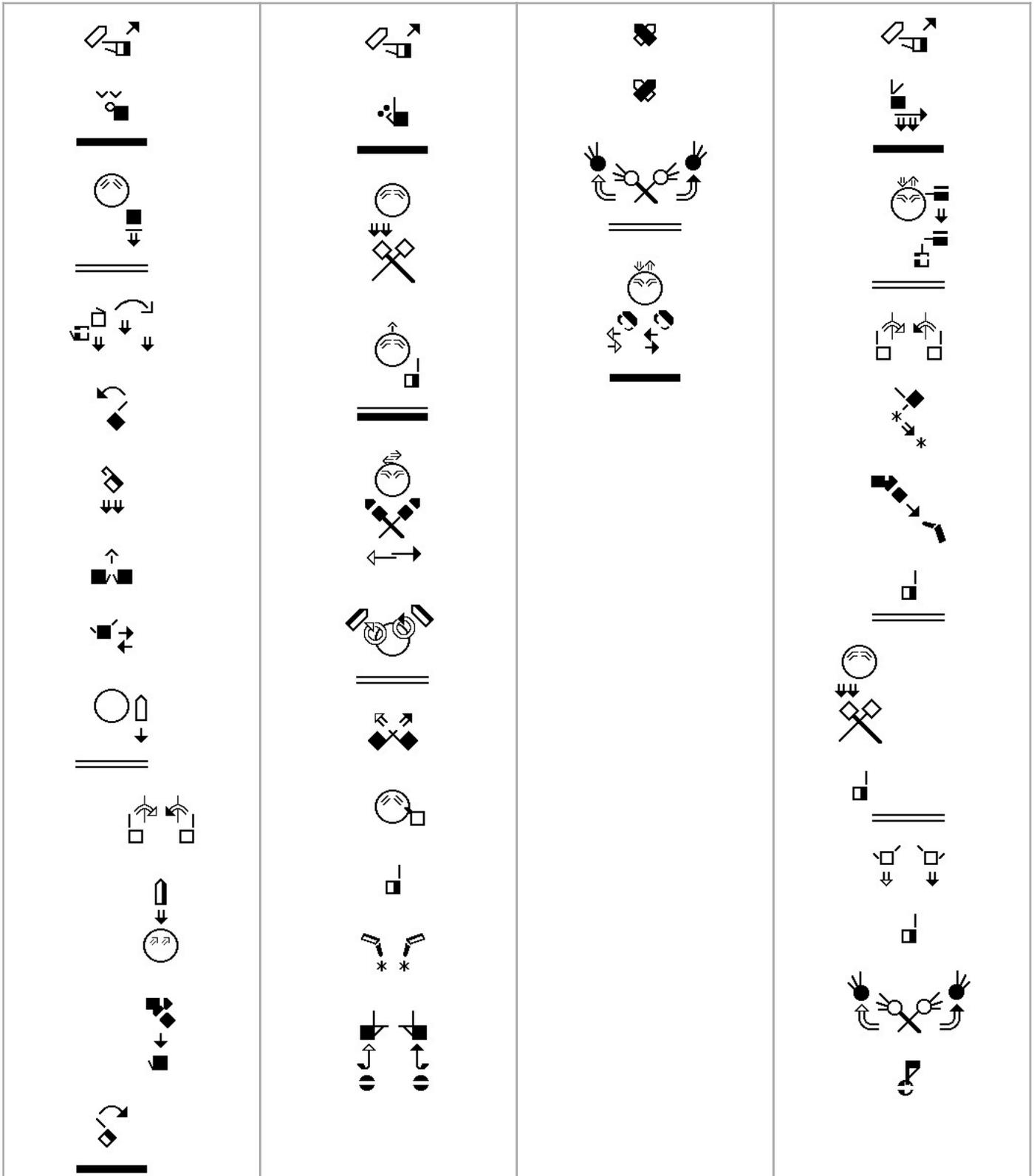
Verse 15. (But if the husband or wife who isn't a believer insists on leaving, let them go. In such cases the Christian husband or wife is no longer bound to the other, for God has called you to live in peace.) Verse 16. Don't you wives realize that your husbands might be saved because of you?
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And don't you husbands realize that your wives might be saved because of you? Verse 17. Each of you should continue to live in whatever situation the Lord has placed you, and remain as you were when God first called you. This is my rule for all the churches. Verse 18. For instance, a man who was circumcised before he became a believer should

1 Corinthians 7:20-22

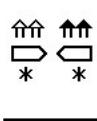
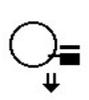
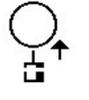
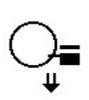
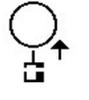


Verse 20. Yes, each of you should remain as you were when God called you. Verse 21. Are you a slave? Don't let that worry you -- but if you get a chance to be free, take it. Verse 22. And remember, if you were a slave when the Lord called you, you are now free in

1 Corinthians 7:25-26

Verse 25. Now regarding your question about the young women who are not yet married. I do not have a command from the Lord for them. But the Lord in his mercy has given me wisdom that can be trusted, and I will share it with you. Verse 26. Because of the present crisis, I think it is best to remain as you are. NLT

1 Corinthians 7:33-34

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Verse 33. But a married man has to think about his earthly responsibilities and how to please his wife. Verse 34. His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But
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a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband. Verse 35. I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible. Verse 36. But if a man thinks that he's treating his fiancee improperly NLT

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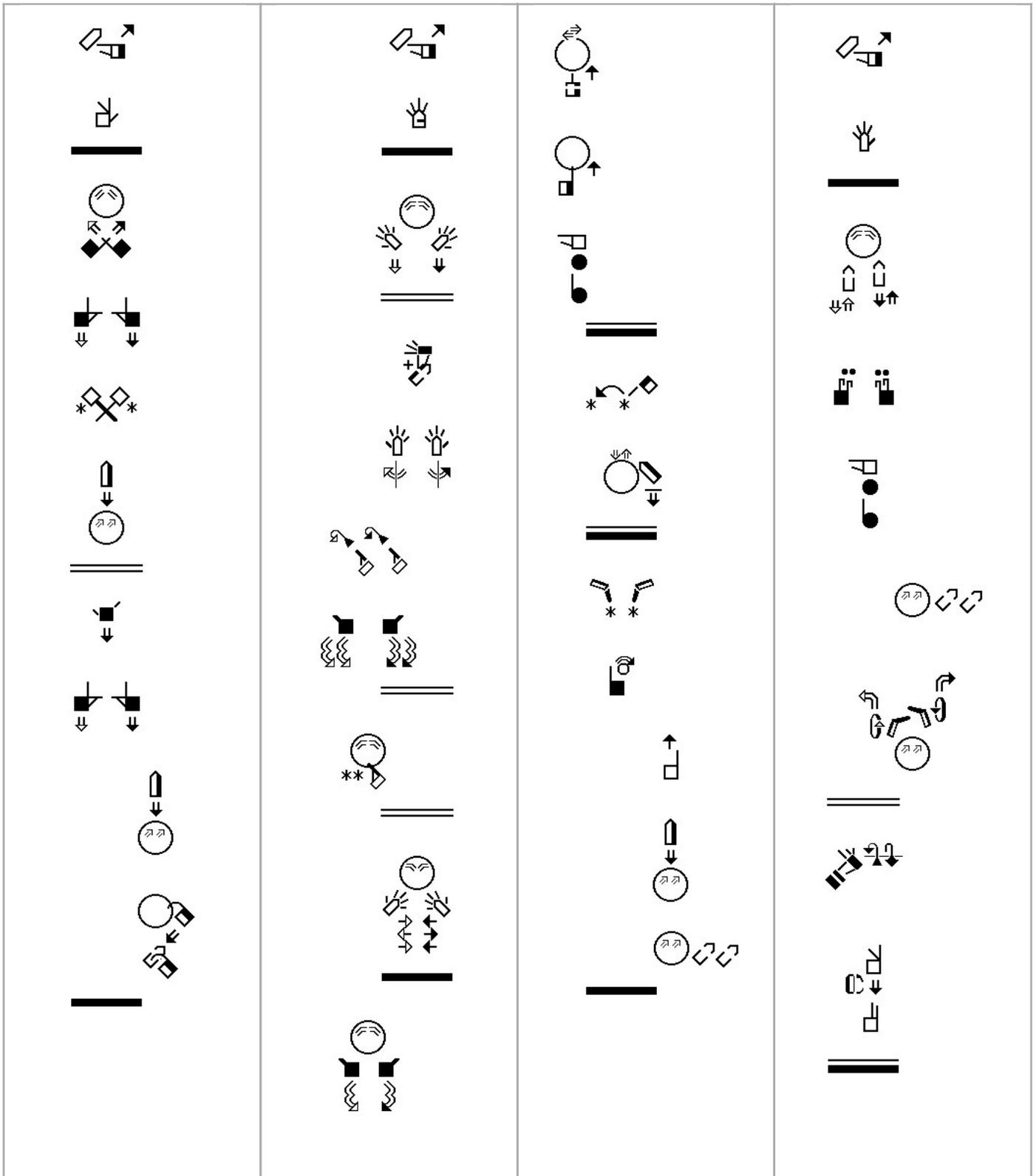
Verse 39. A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but only if he loves the Lord. Verse 40. But in my opinion it would be better for her to stay single, and I think I am giving you counsel from God's Spirit when I say this.

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1 Corinthians 8:1-2

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Chapter 8. Now regarding your question about food that has been offered to idols. Yes, we know that "we all have knowledge" about this issue. But while knowledge makes us feel important, it is love that strengthens the church. Verse 2. Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn't really know very much. NLT



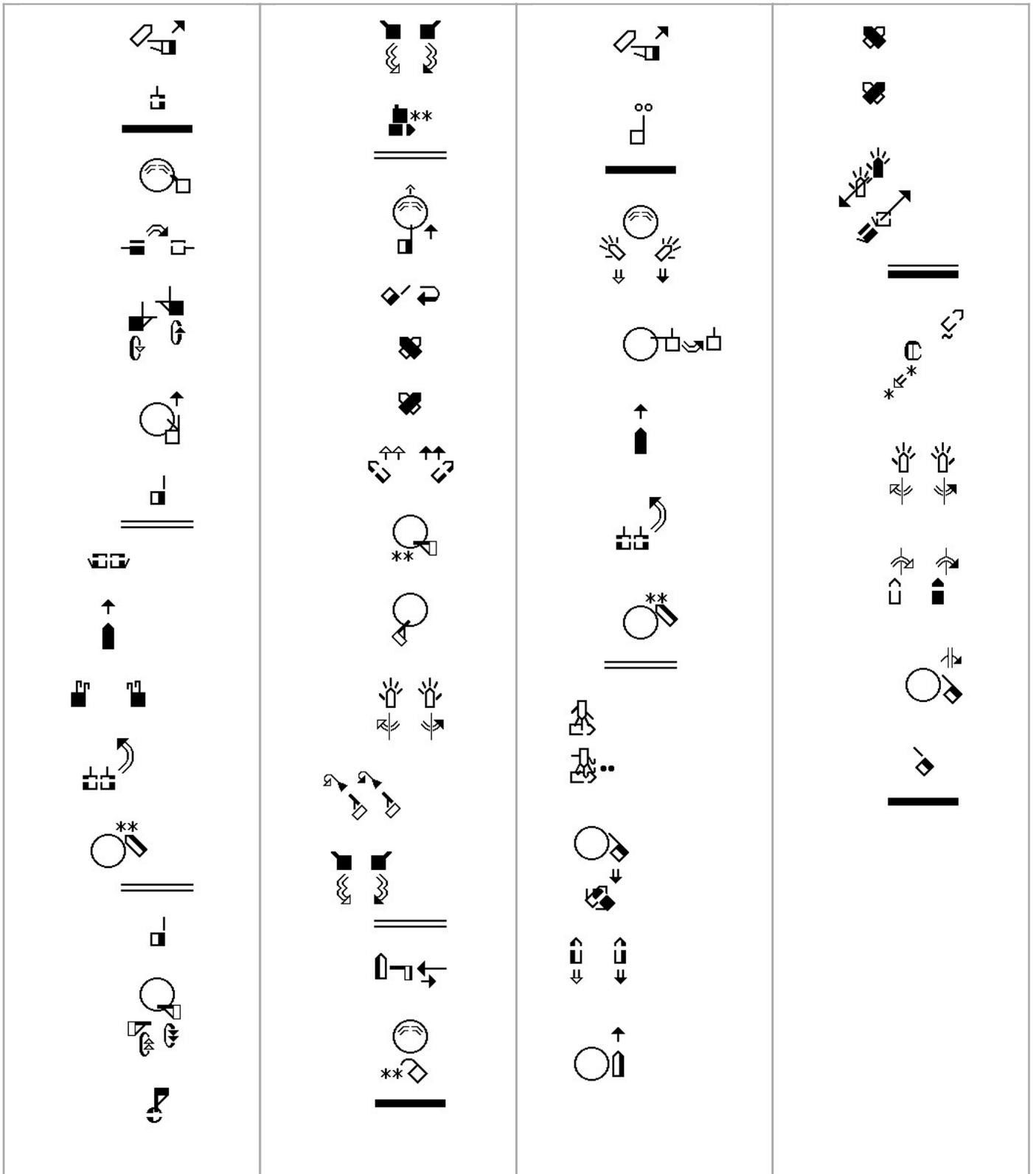
Verse 3. But the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes. Verse 4. So, what about eating meat that has been offered to idols? Well, we all know that an idol is not really a god and that there is only one God. Verse 5. There may be so-called gods both in heaven and on earth,

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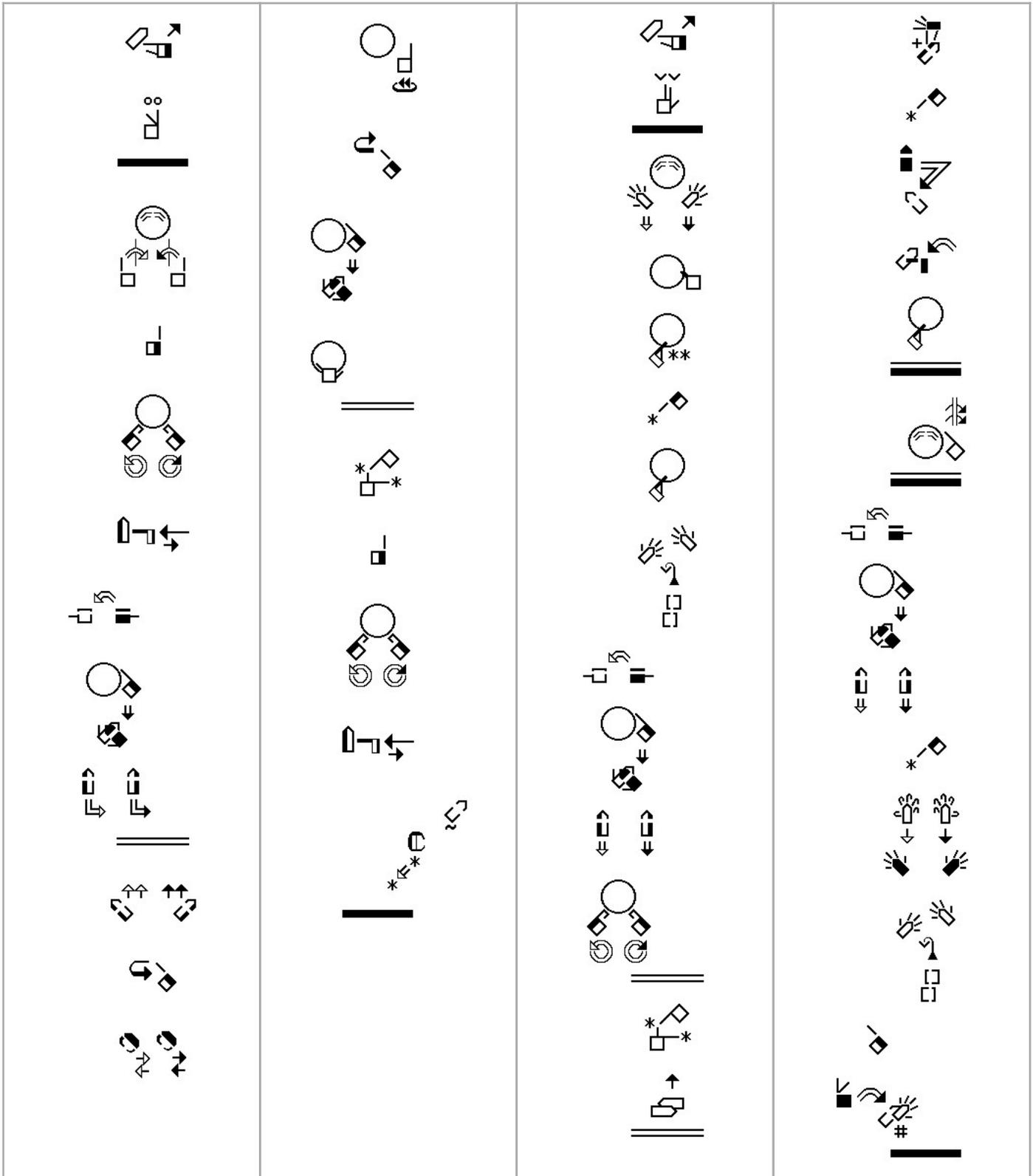
We don't lose anything if we don't eat it, and we don't gain anything if we do. Verse 9. But you must be careful so that your freedom does not cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble. NLT



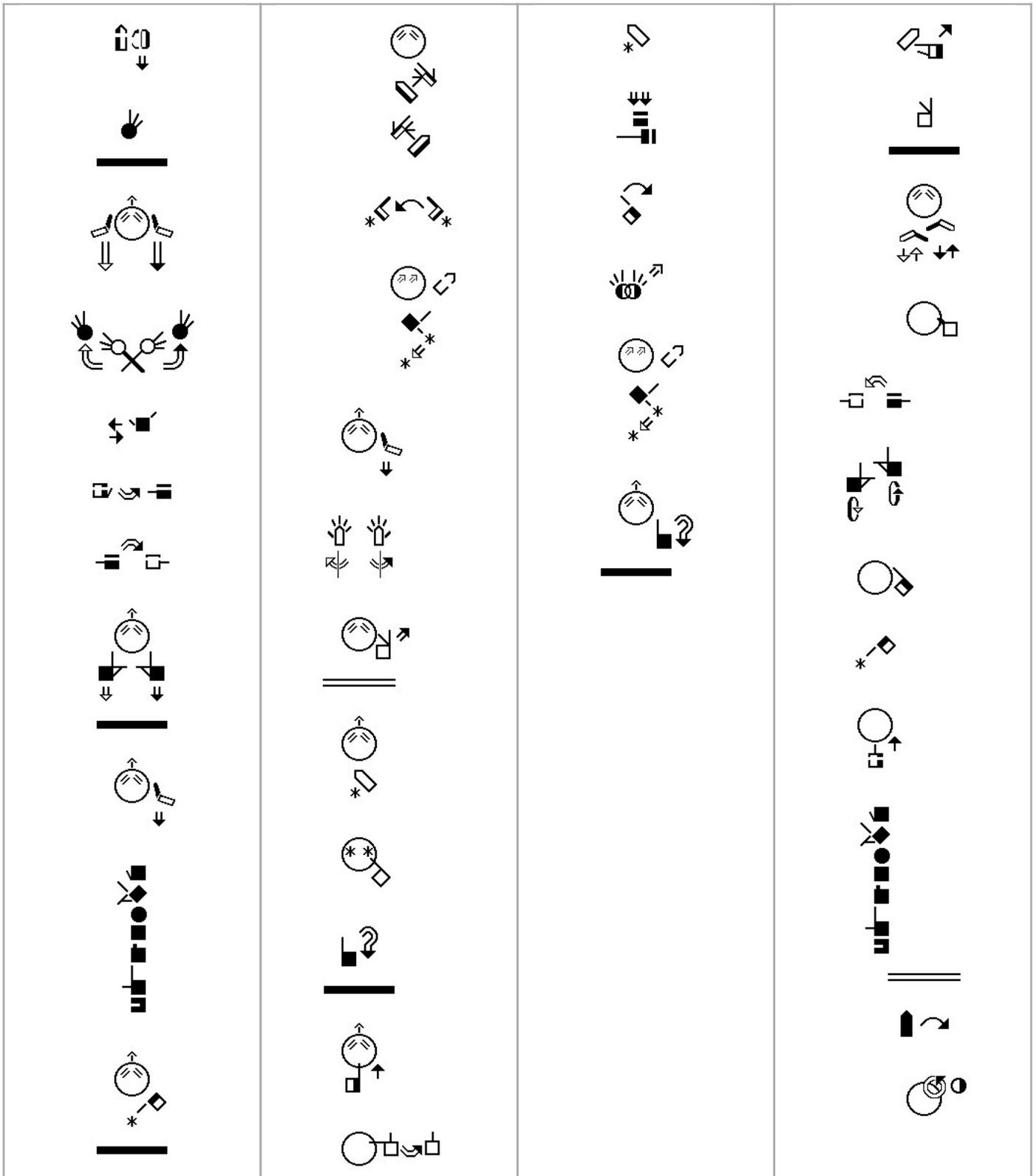
Verse 10. For if others see you -- with your "superior knowledge" -- eating in the temple of an idol, won't they be encouraged to violate their conscience by eating food that has been offered to an idol? Verse 11. So because of your superior knowledge, a weak believer for whom Christ died will be destroyed.

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1 Corinthians 8:12-13



Verse 12. And when you sin against other believers by encouraging them to do something they believe is wrong, you are sinning against Christ. Verse 13. So if what I eat causes another believer to sin, I will never eat meat again as long as I live -- for I don't want to cause another believer to stumble. NLT

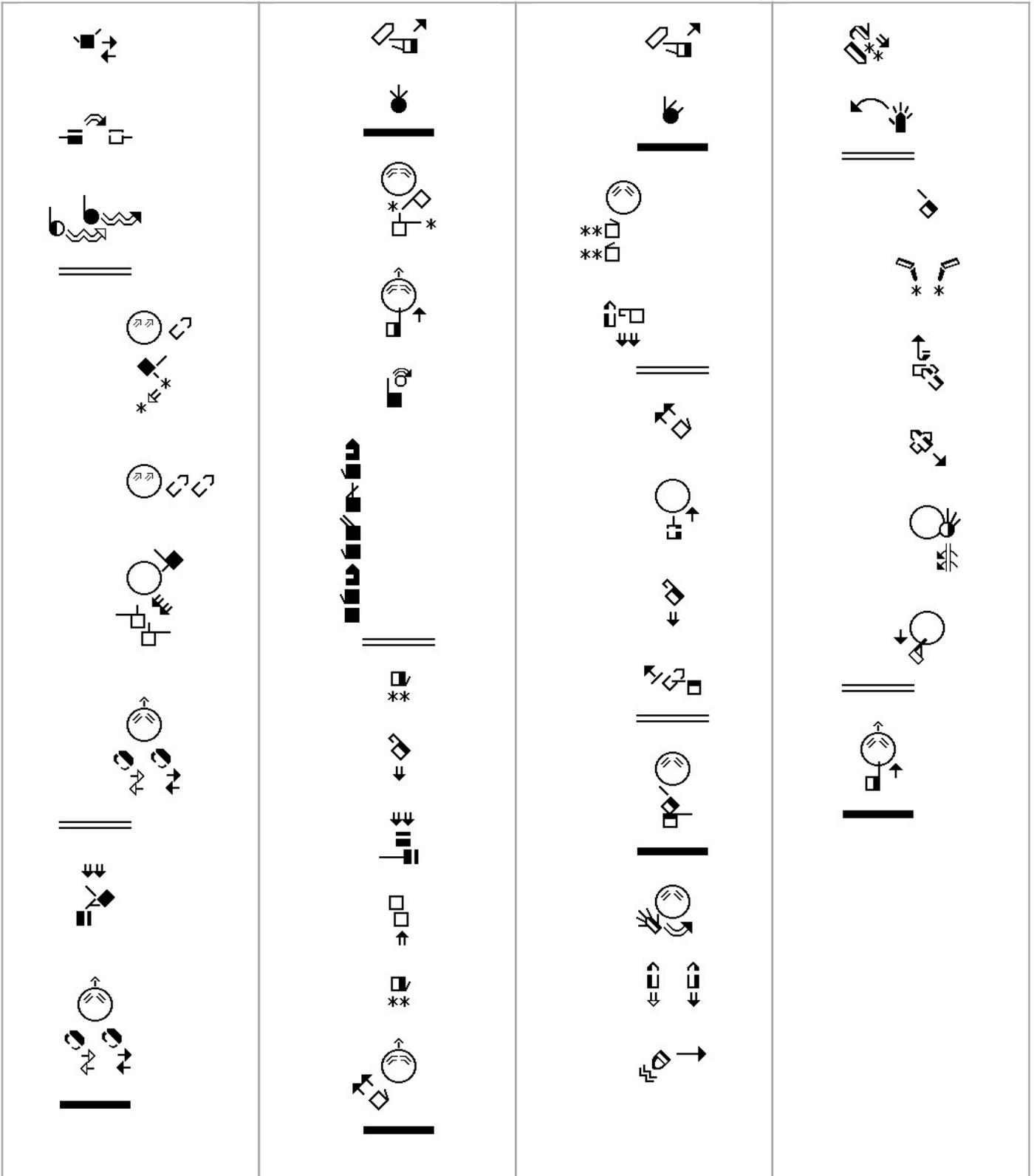


Chapter 9. Am I not as free as anyone else? Am I not an apostle? Haven't I seen Jesus our Lord with my own eyes? Isn't it because of my work that you belong to the Lord? Verse 2. Even if others think I am not an apostle, NLT

1 Corinthians 9:2-5

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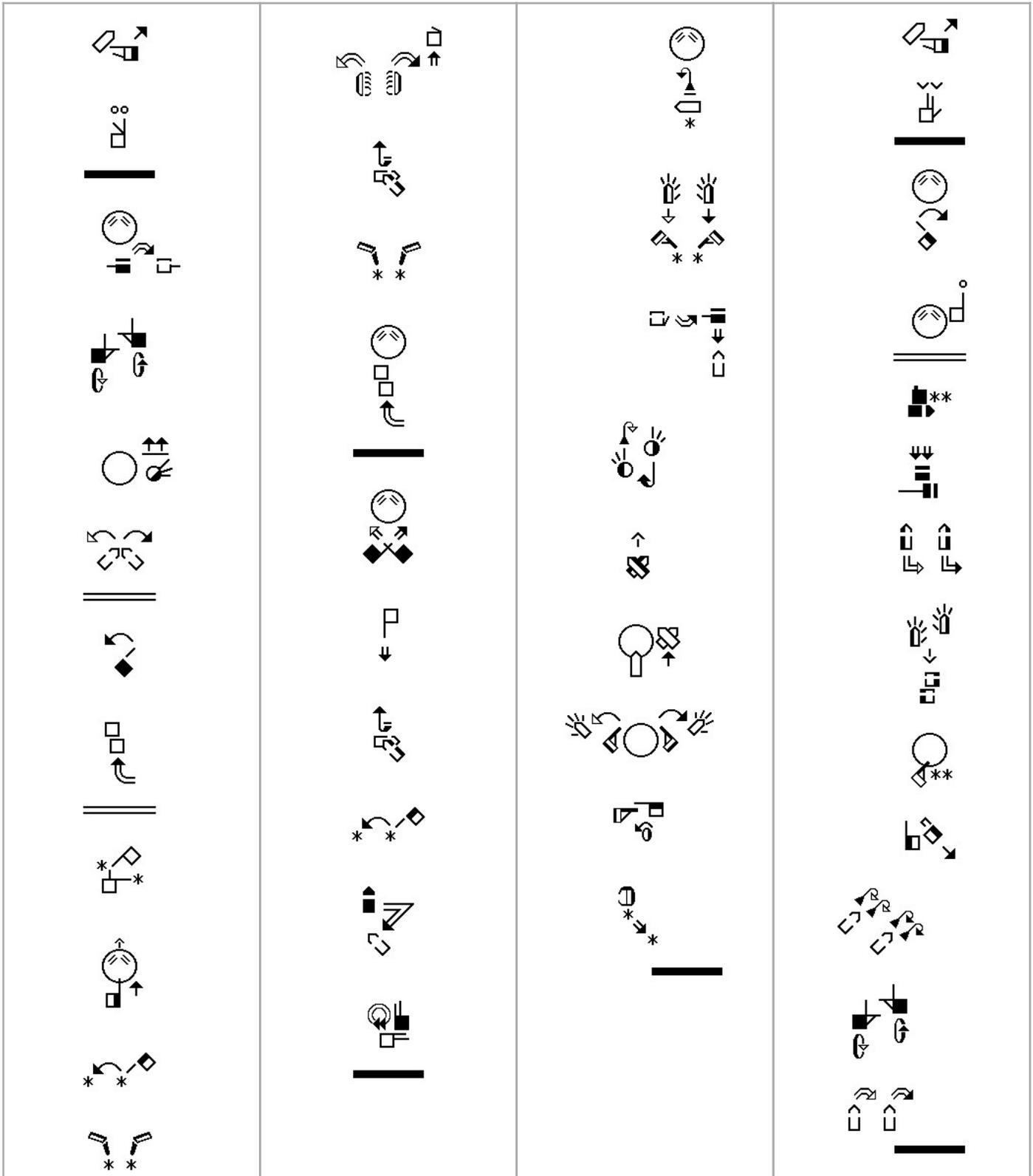
I certainly am to you. You yourselves are proof that I am the Lord's apostle. Verse 3. This is my answer to those who question my authority. Verse 4. Don't we have the right to live in your homes and share your meals? Verse 5. Don't we have the right to bring a Christian wife with us



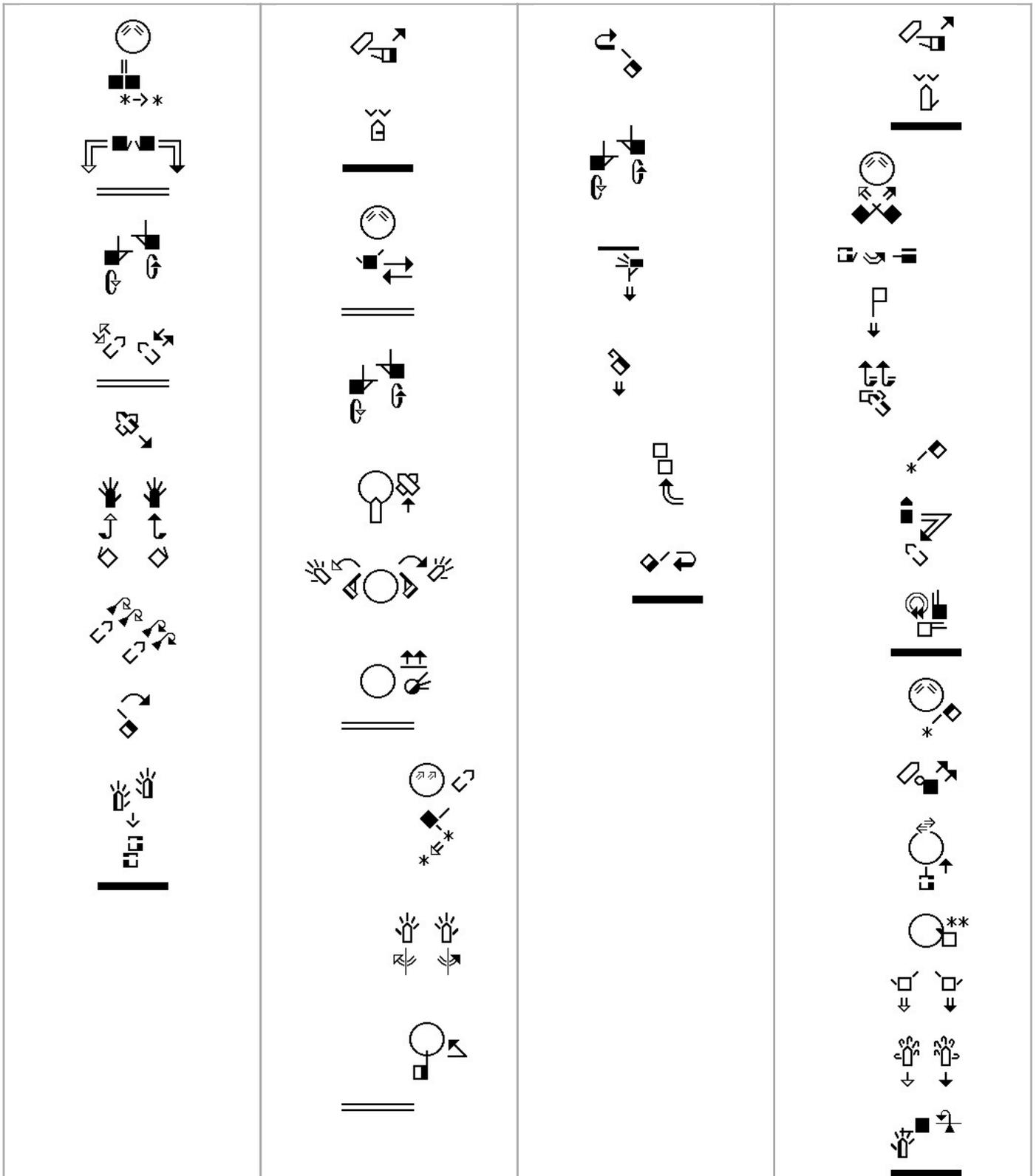
as the other disciples and the Lord's brothers do, and as Peter does? Verse 6. Or is it only Barnabas and I who have to work to support ourselves? Verse 7. What soldier has to pay his own expenses? What farmer plants a vineyard and doesn't have the right to eat some of its fruit?

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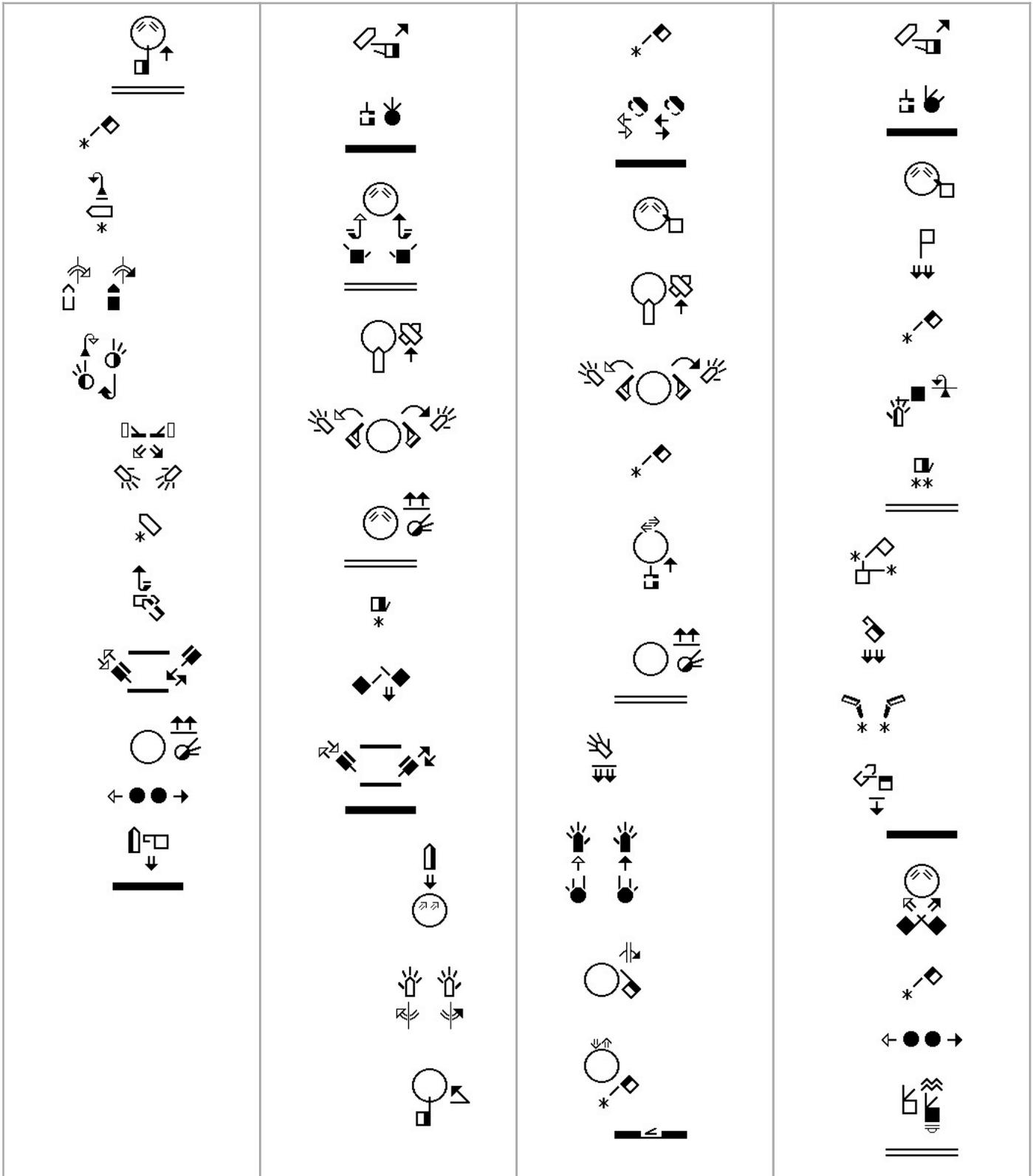
Verse 12. If you support others who preach to you, shouldn't we have an even greater right to be supported? But we have never used this right. We would rather put up with anything than be an obstacle to the Good News about Christ. Verse 13. Don't you realize that those who work in the temple get their meals from the offerings brought to the temple? NLT



And those who serve at the altar get a share of the sacrificial offerings. Verse 14. In the same way, the Lord ordered that those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it. Verse 15. Yet I have never used any of these rights. And I am not writing this to suggest that I want to start now.

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1 Corinthians 9:15-17



In fact, I would rather die than lose my right to boast about preaching without charge. Verse 16. Yet preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News! Verse 17. If I were doing this on my own initiative, I would deserve payment. But I have no choice, NLT

1 Corinthians 9:19-20

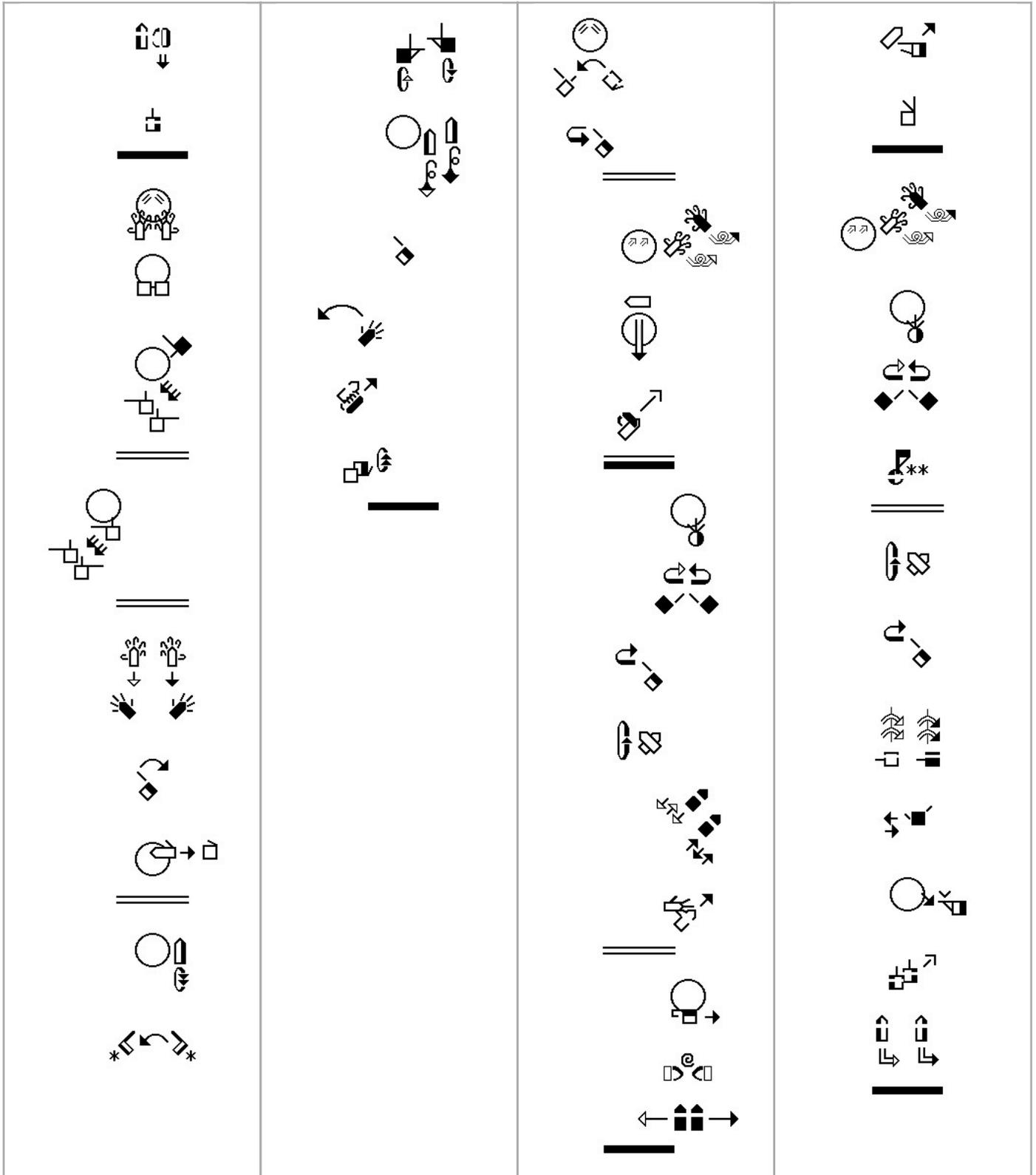
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have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. Verse 20. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. NLT

1 Corinthians 9:22-23

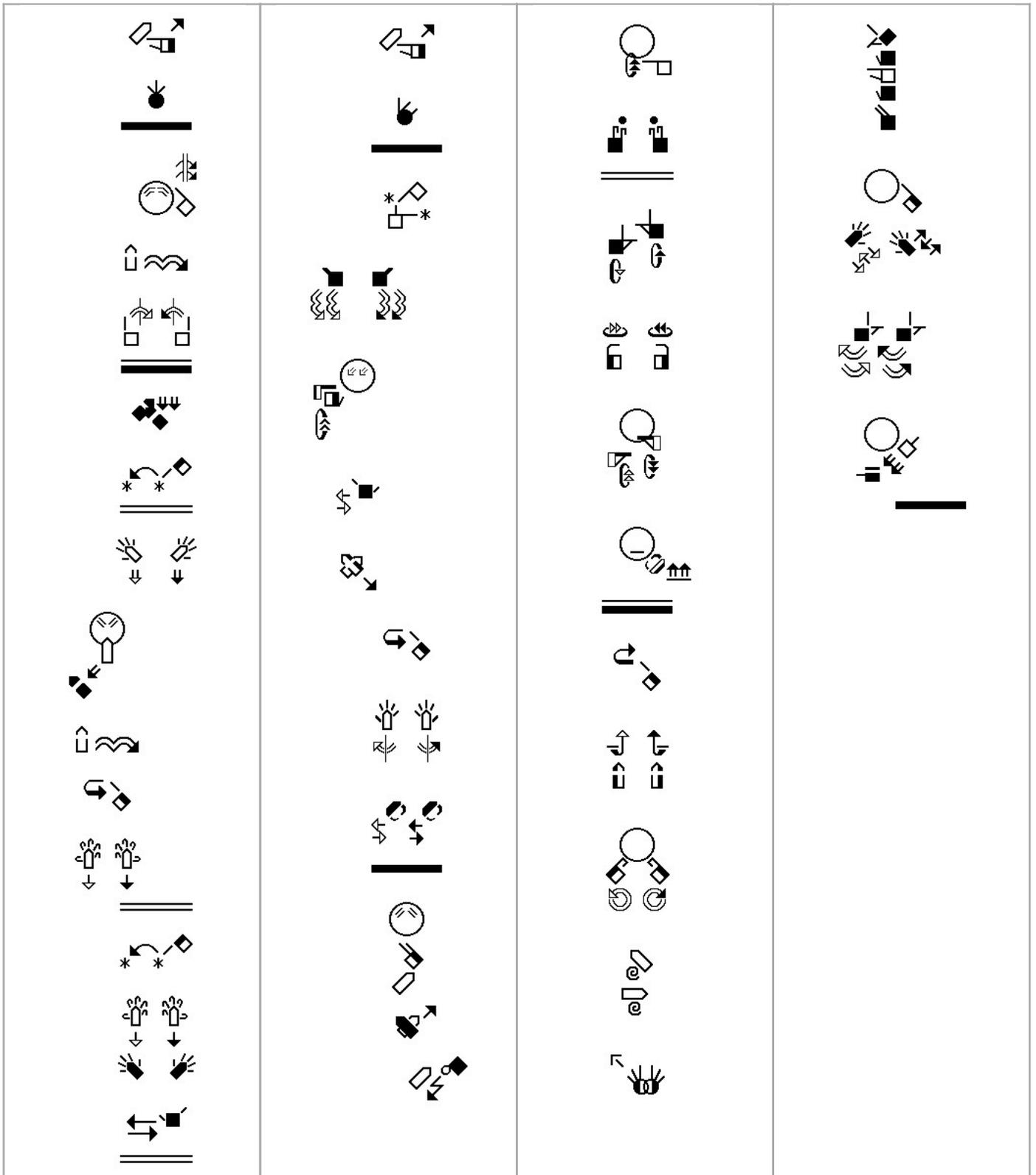
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Verse 22. When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. Verse 23. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.



Chapter 10. I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. Verse 2. In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses.

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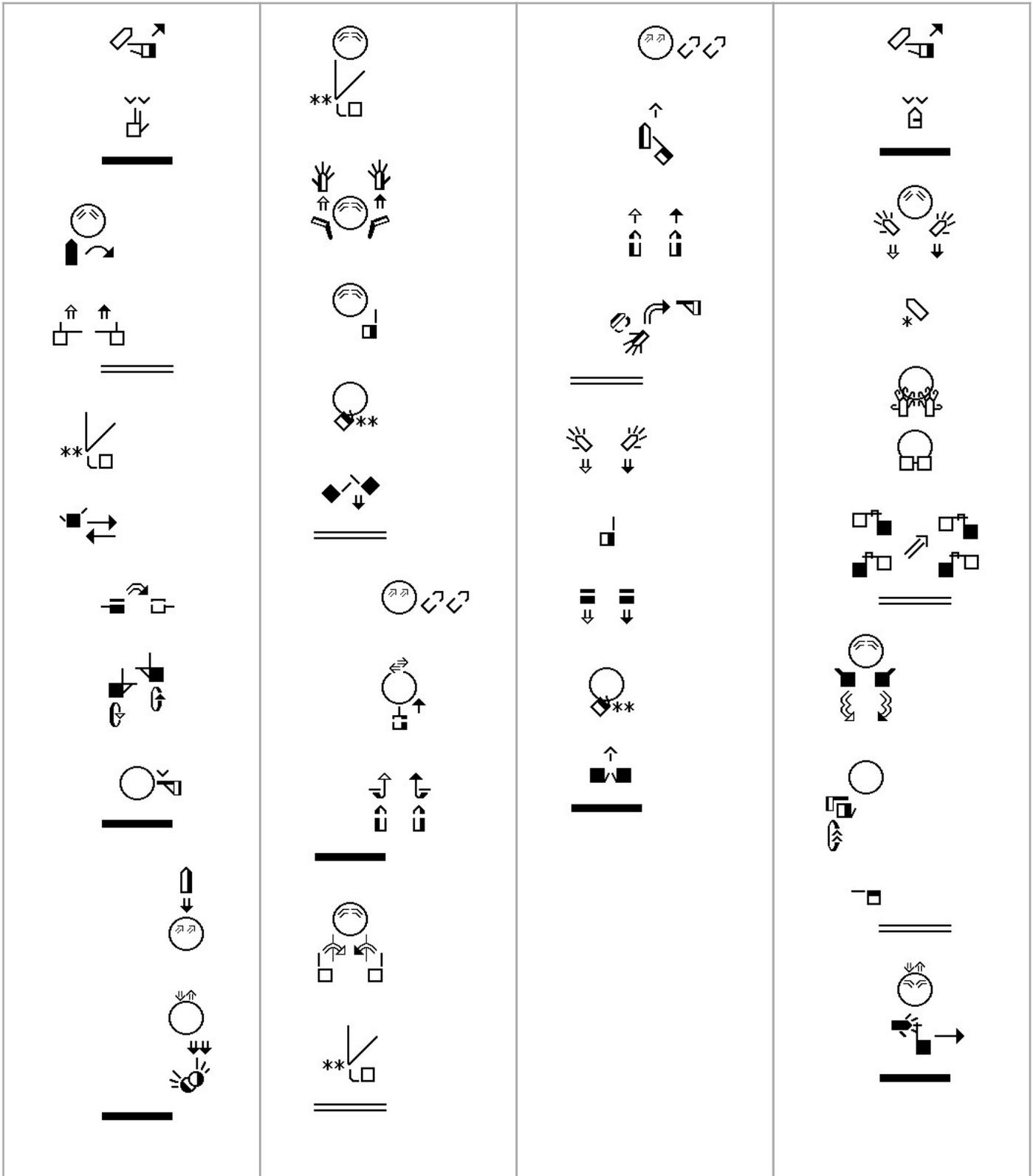


Verse 6. These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, Verse 7. or worship idols as some of them did. As the Scriptures say, "The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry." NLT

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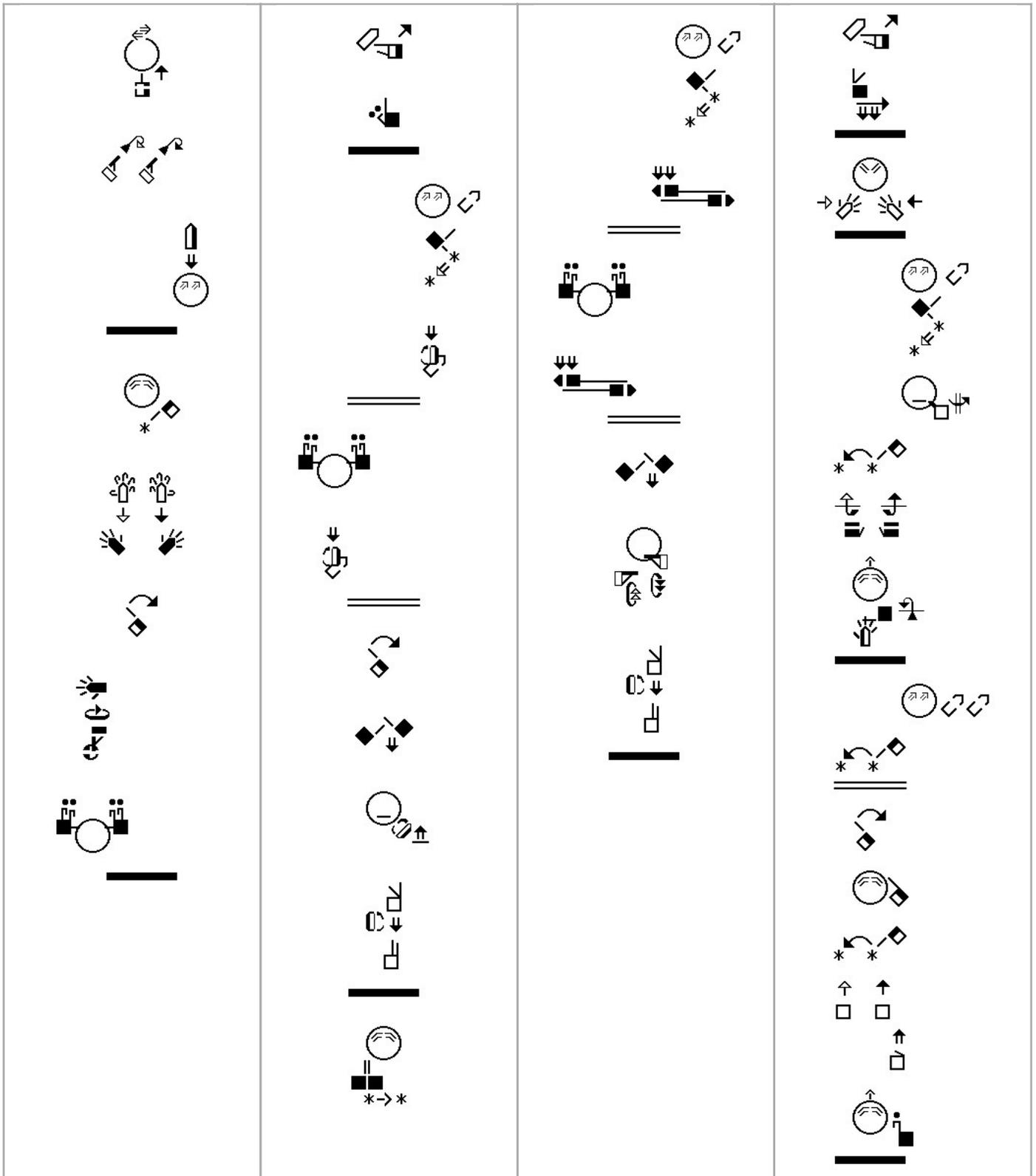


Verse 13. The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. Verse 14. So, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols. NLT

1 Corinthians 10:18-20

                 	                 	                 	                 
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Verse 18. Think about the people of Israel. Weren't they united by eating the sacrifices at the altar? Verse 19. What am I trying to say? Am I saying that food offered to idols has some significance, or that idols are real gods? Verse 20. No, not at all. I am saying that these sacrifices are offered to demons, NLT



not to God. And I don't want you to participate with demons. Verse 21. You cannot drink from the cup of the Lord and from the cup of demons, too. You cannot eat at the Lord's Table and at the table of demons, too. Verse 22. What? Do we dare to rouse the Lord's jealousy? Do you think we are stronger than he is?

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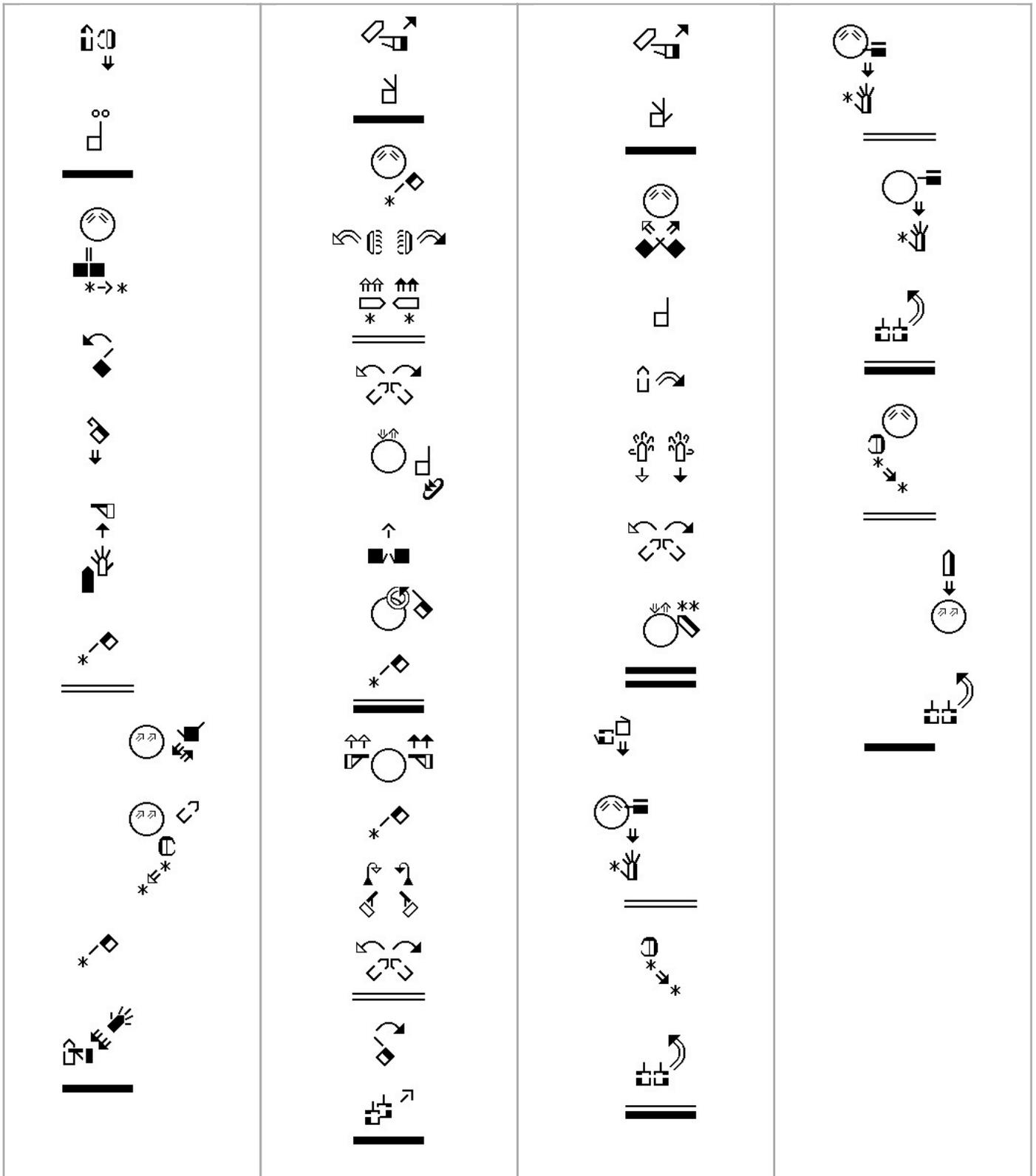
Don't eat it, out of consideration for the conscience of the one who told you. Verse 29. It might not be a matter of conscience for you, but it is for the other person.) For why should my freedom be limited by what someone else thinks? Verse 30. If I can thank God for the food and enjoy it, NLT

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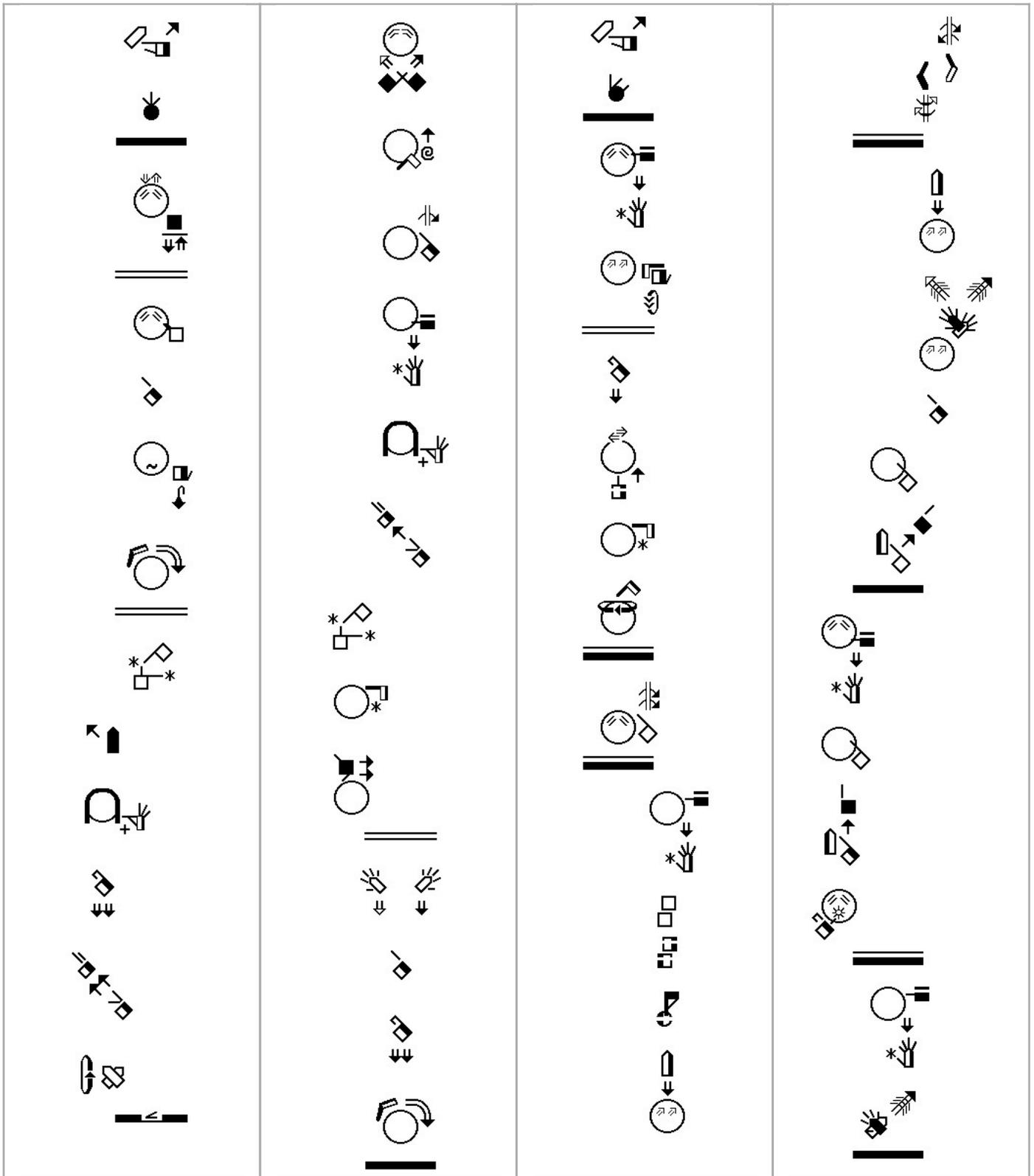
why should I be condemned for eating it? Verse 31. So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Verse 32. Don't give offense to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God. Verse 33. I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. NLT

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Chapter 11. And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ. Verse 2. I am so glad that you always keep me in your thoughts, and that you are following the teachings I passed on to you. Verse 3. But there is one thing I want you to know: The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. NLT



Verse 6. Yes, if she refuses to wear a head covering, she should cut off all her hair! But since it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut or her head shaved, she should wear a covering. Verse 7. A man should not wear anything on his head when worshipping, for man is made in God's image and reflects God's glory. And woman reflects man's glory.

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Verse 11. But among the Lord's people, women are not independent of men, and men are not independent of women. Verse 12. For although the first woman came from man, every other man was born from a woman, and everything comes from God. NLT

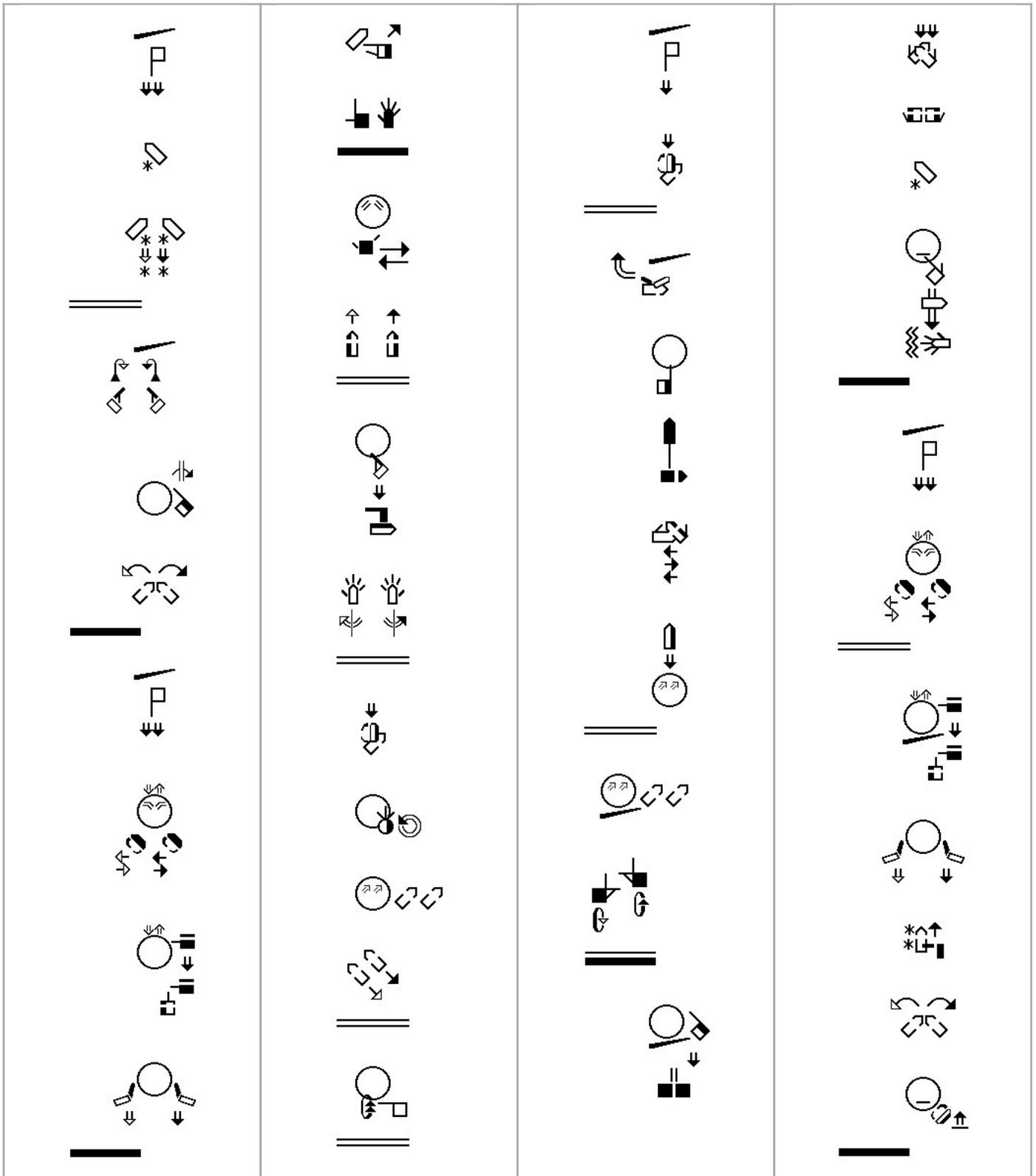
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Verse 13. Judge for yourselves. Is it right for a woman to pray to God in public without covering her head? Verse 14. Isn't it obvious that it's disgraceful for a man to have long hair? Verse 15. And isn't long hair a woman's pride and joy? For it has been given to her as a covering. Verse 16. But if anyone wants to argue about this, I simply say NLT

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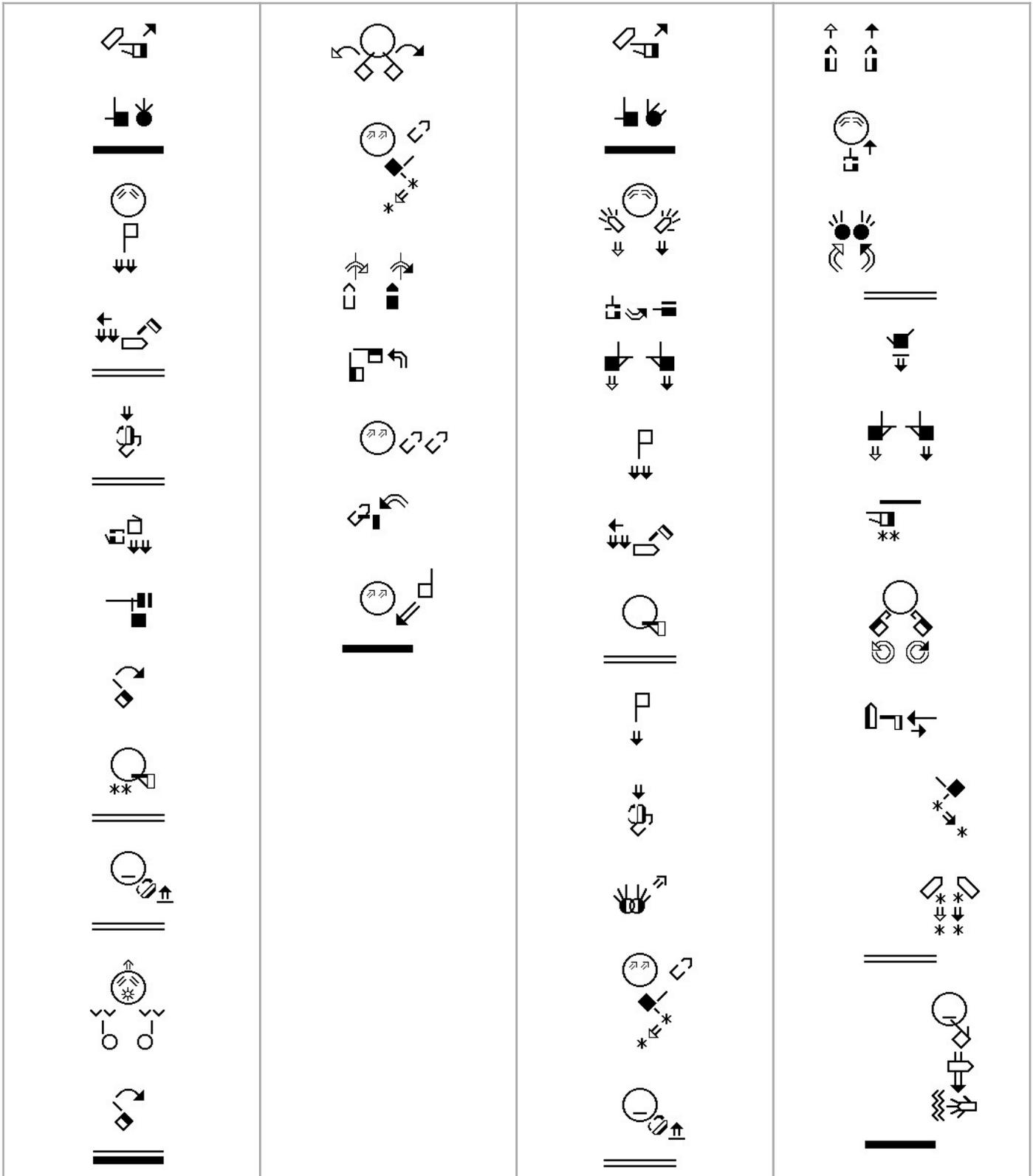
that we have no other custom than this, and neither do God's other churches. Verse 17. But in the following instructions, I cannot praise you. For it sounds as if more harm than good is done when you meet together. Verse 18. First, I hear that there are divisions among you when you meet as a church, and to some extent I believe it. NLT



"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." Verse 25. In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people -- an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it."

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1 Corinthians 11:26-27



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Verse 26. For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again. Verse 27. So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. NLT

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Verse 28. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. Verse 29. For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. Verse 30. That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

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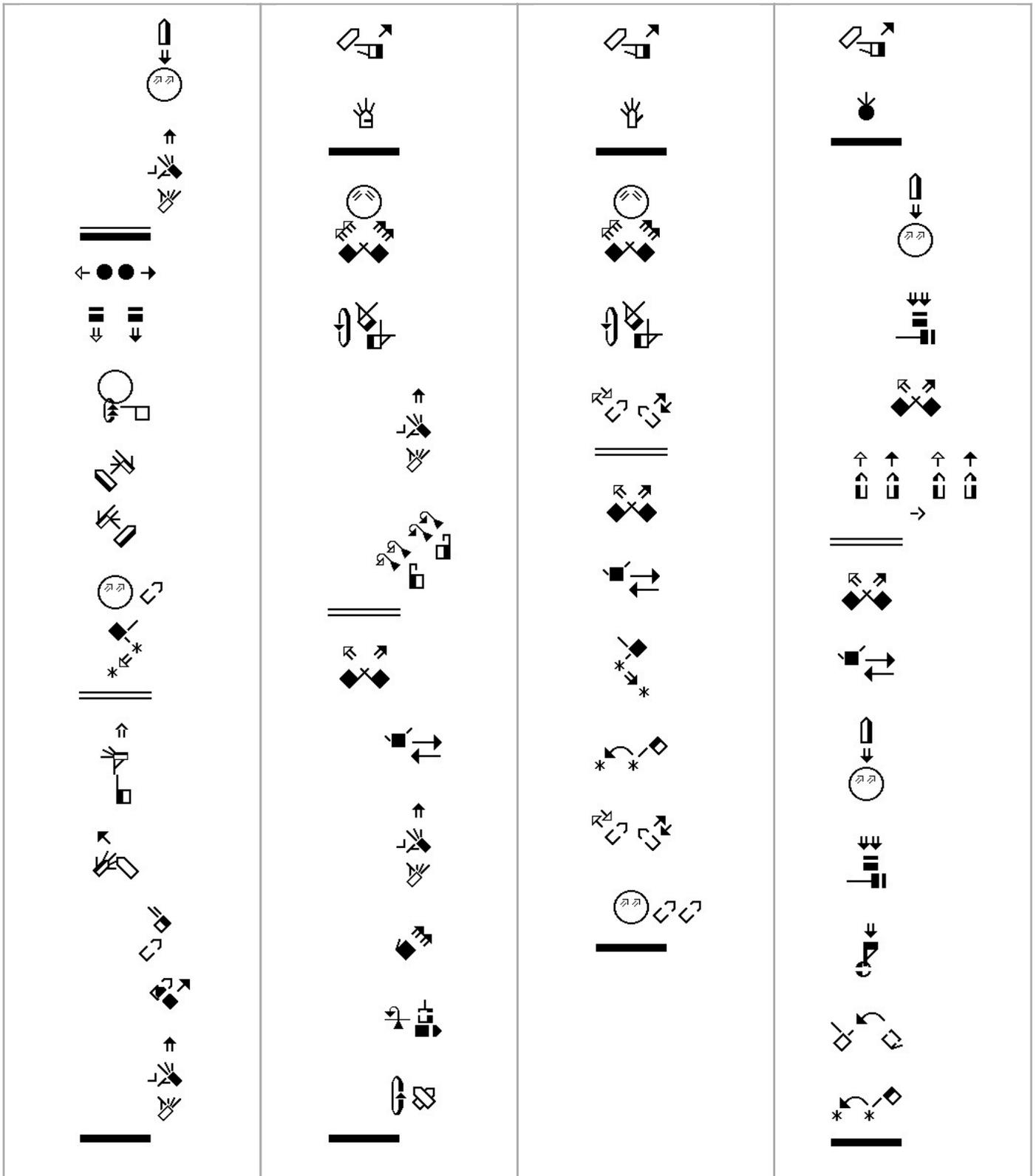
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Verse 31. But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. Verse 32. Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world. Verse 33. So, my dear brothers and sisters, when you gather

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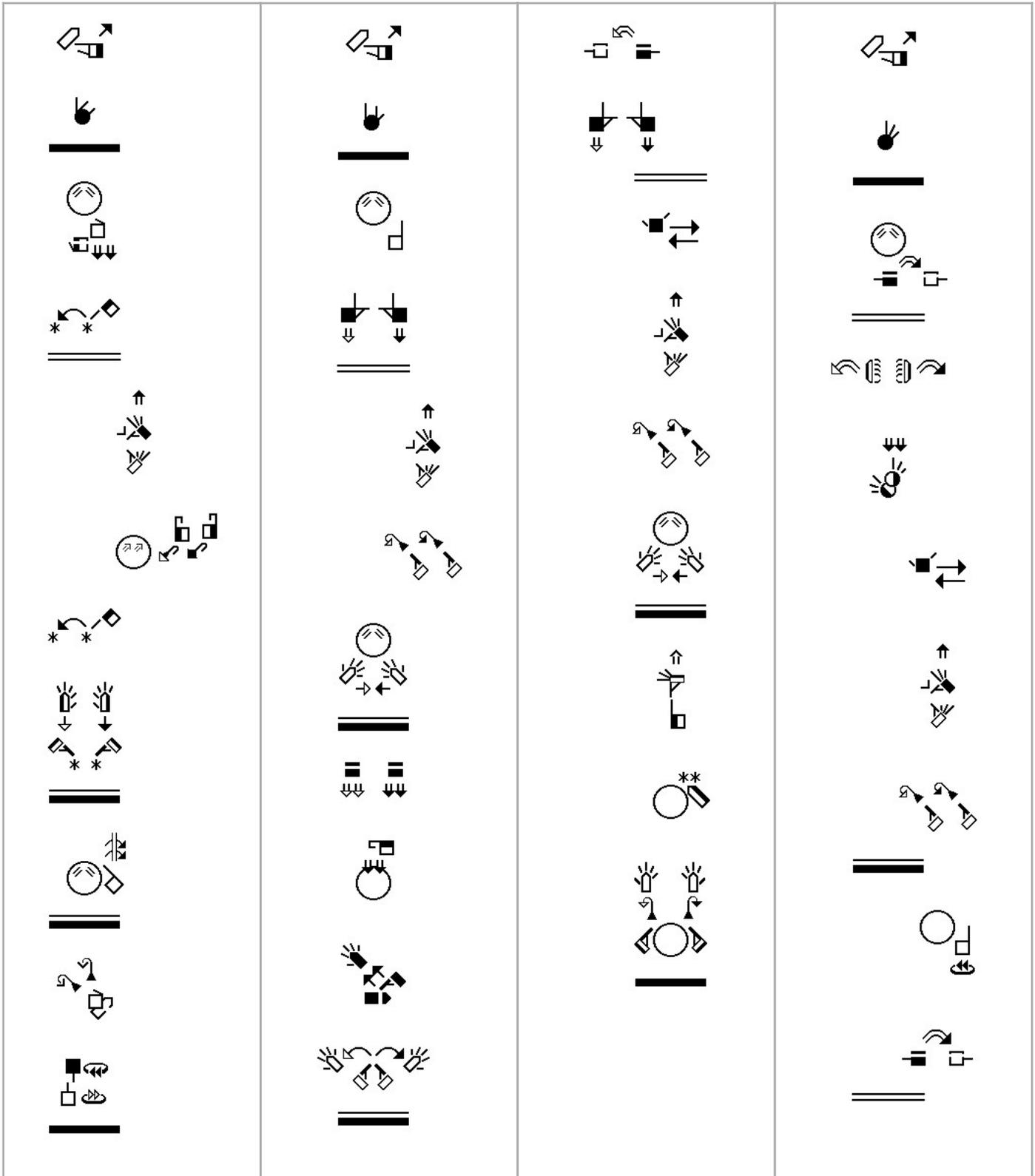
for the Lord's Supper, wait for each other. Verse 34. If you are really hungry, eat at home so you won't bring judgment upon yourselves when you meet together. I'll give you instructions about the other matters after I arrive.



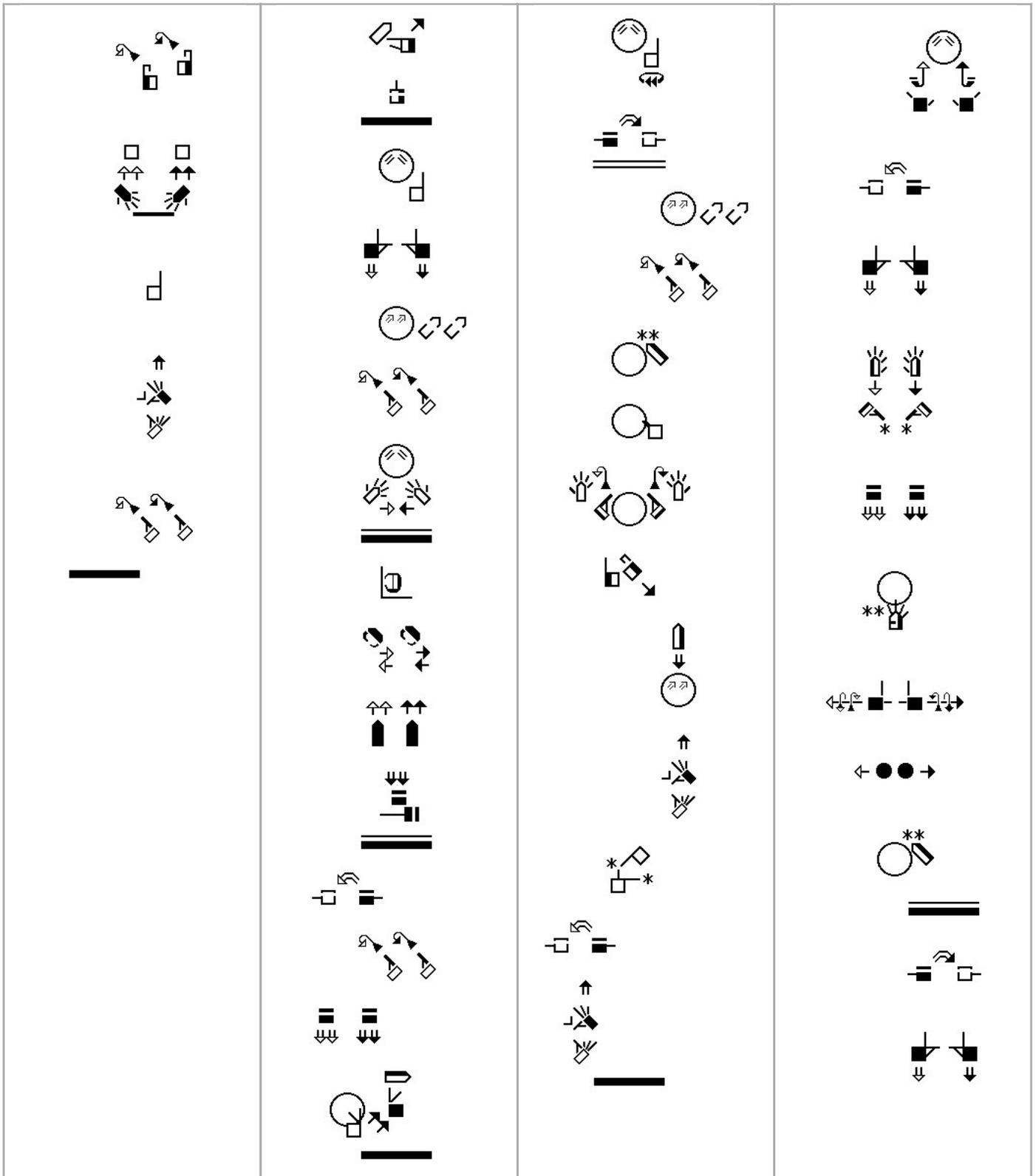
the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit. Verse 4. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. Verse 5. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. Verse 6. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

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1 Corinthians 12:7-9



Verse 7. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. Verse 8. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. Verse 9. The same spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else
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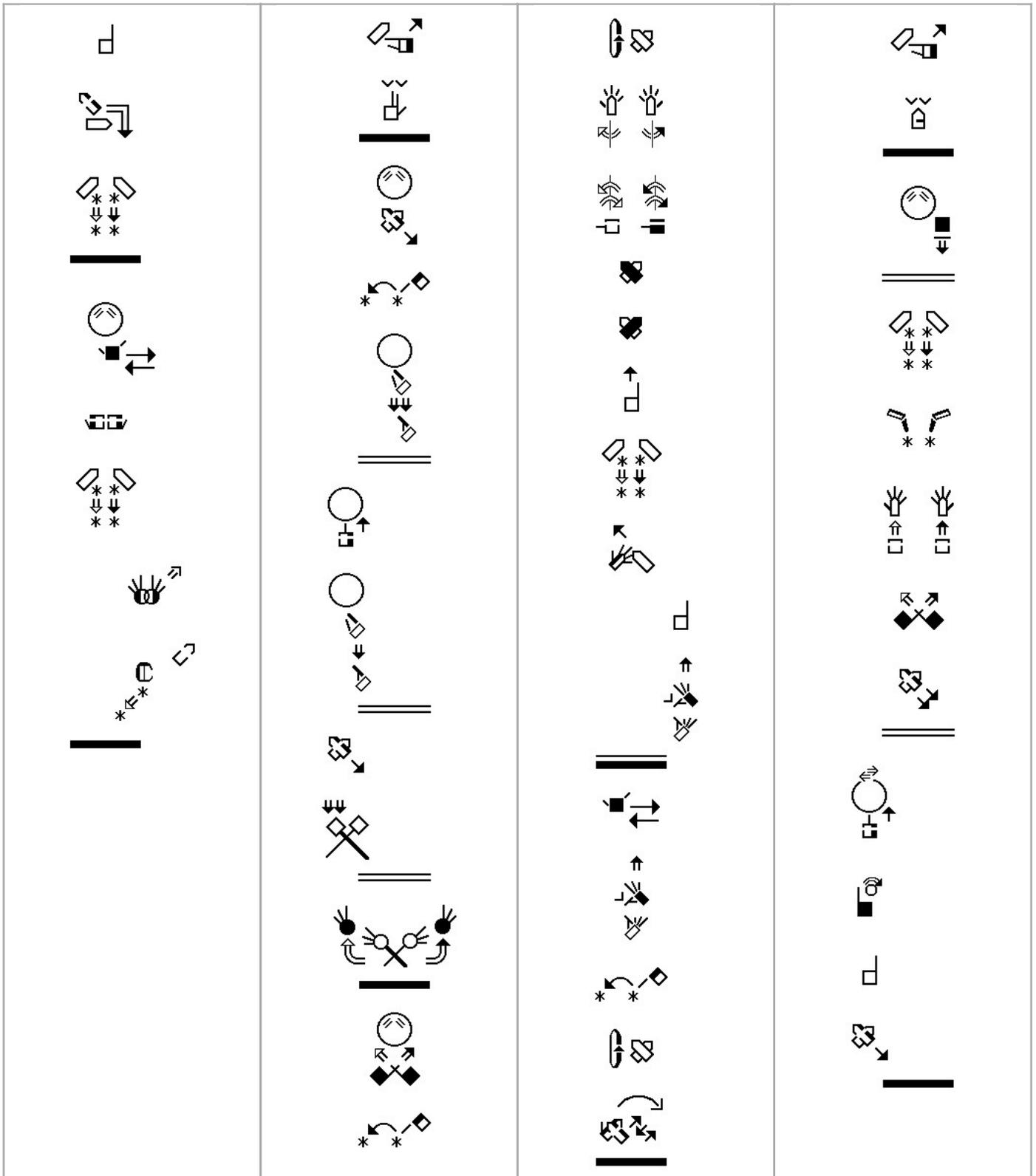
the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. Verse 10. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another

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1 Corinthians 12:10-12

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is given the ability to interpret what is being said. Verse 11. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. Verse 12. The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up NLT



one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Verse 13. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. Verse 14. Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.

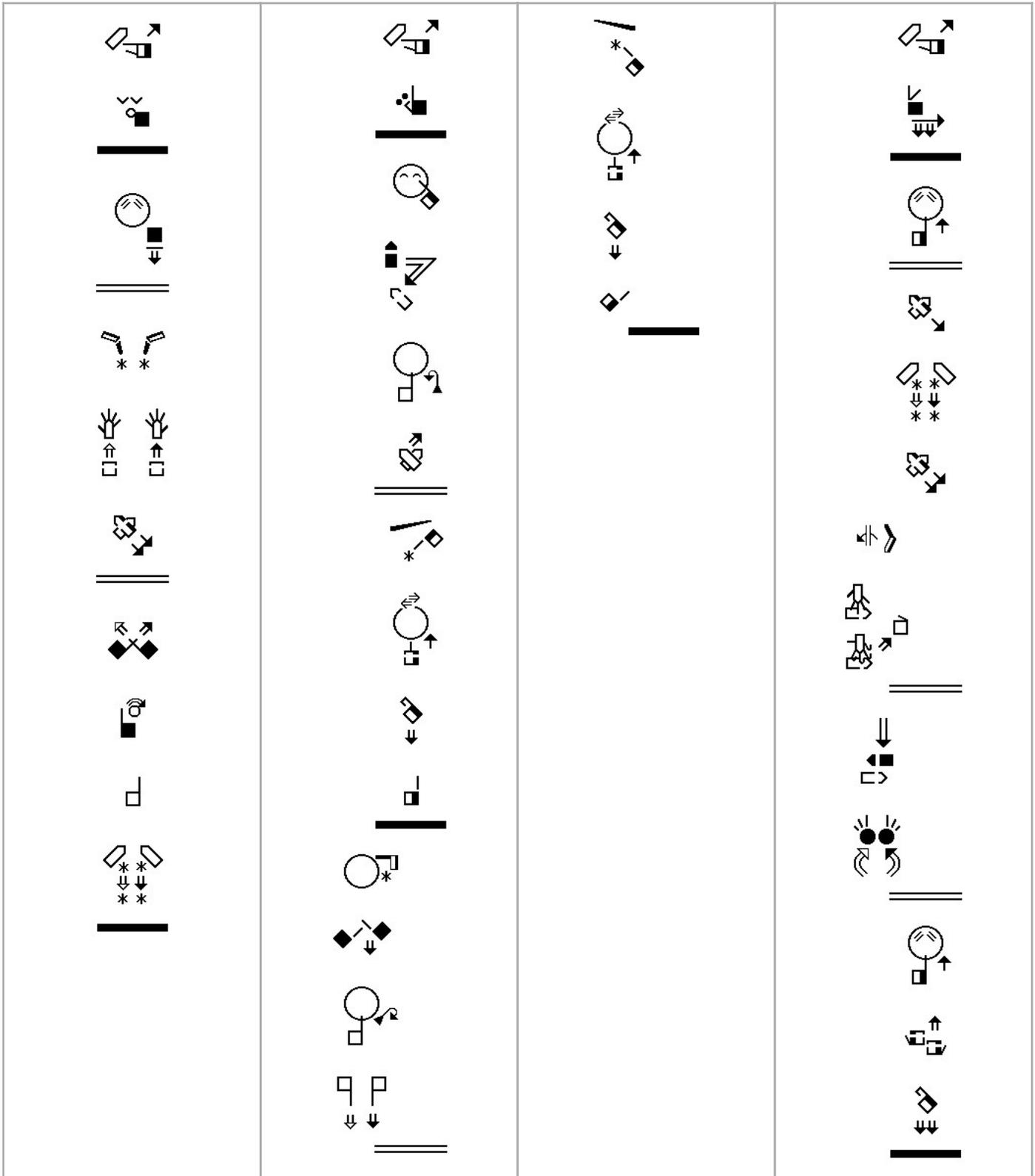
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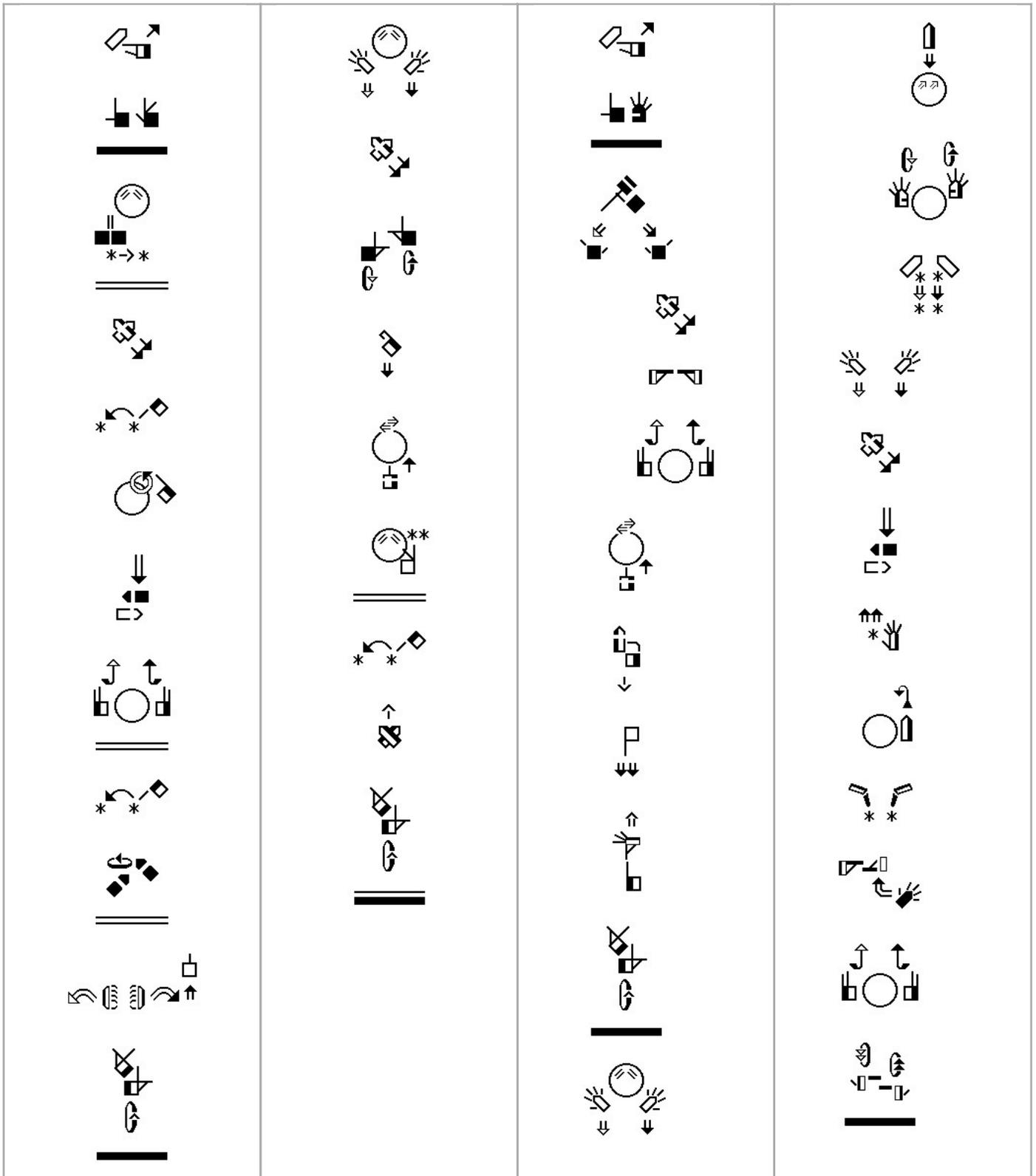
Verse 17. If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? Verse 18. But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. Verse 19. How strange a body would be if it had only one part!

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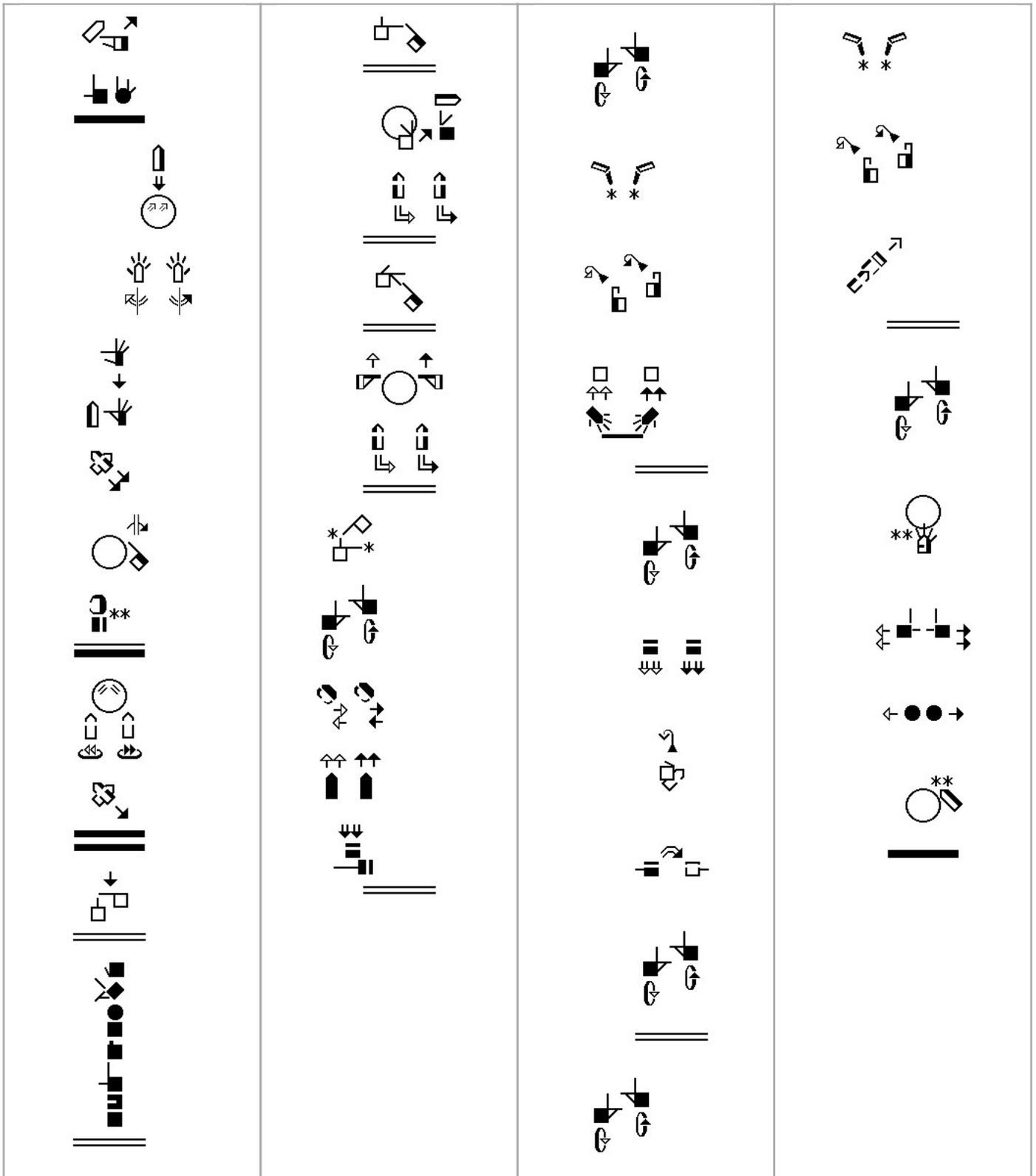
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Verse 20. Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. Verse 21. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." Verse 22. In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.



Verse 23. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, Verse 24. while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity.



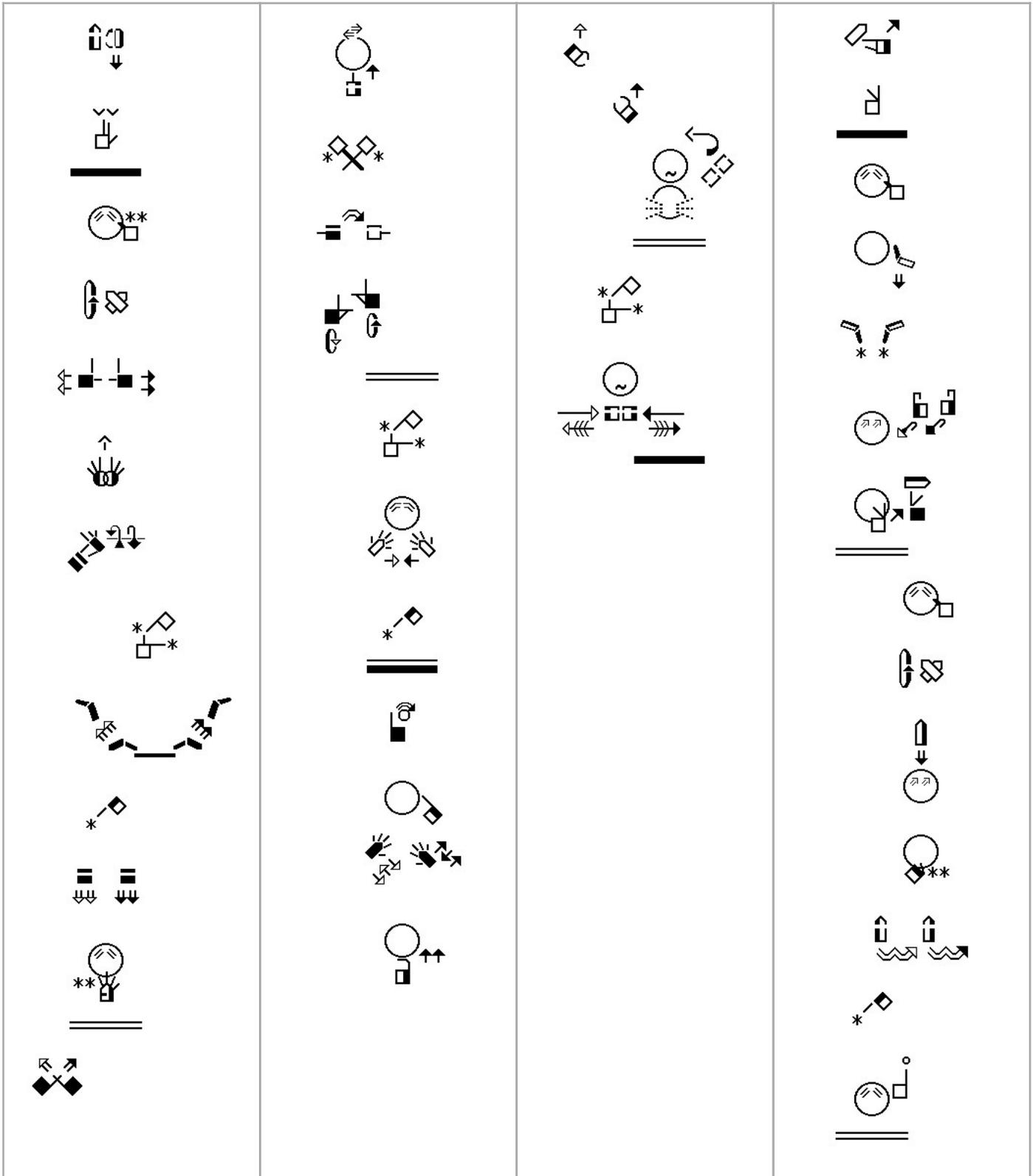
Verse 28. Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church: first are apostles, second are prophets, third are teachers, then those who do miracles, those who have the gift of healing, those who can help others, those who have the gift of leadership, those who speak in unknown languages.

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Verse 31. So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts. But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all.

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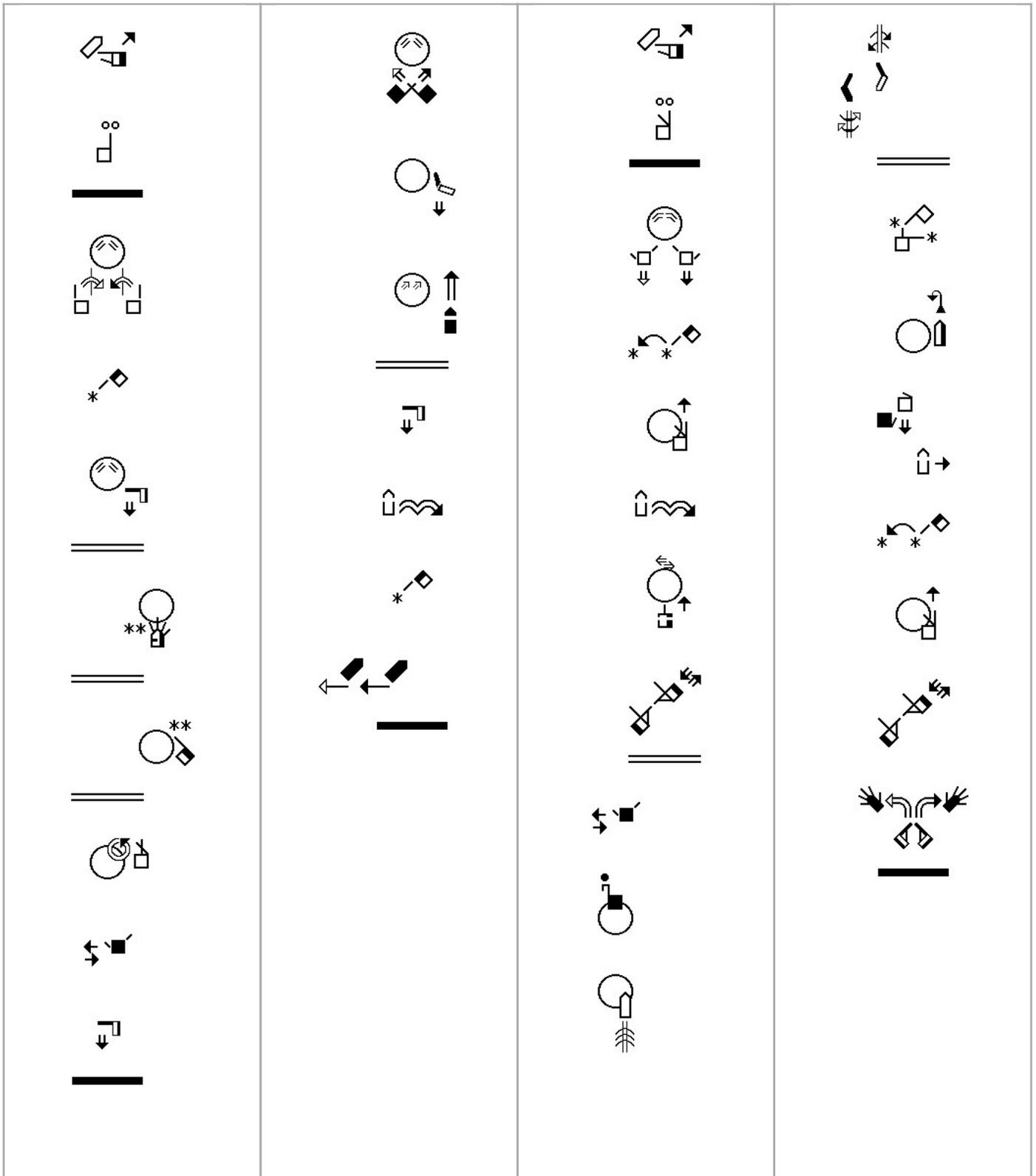
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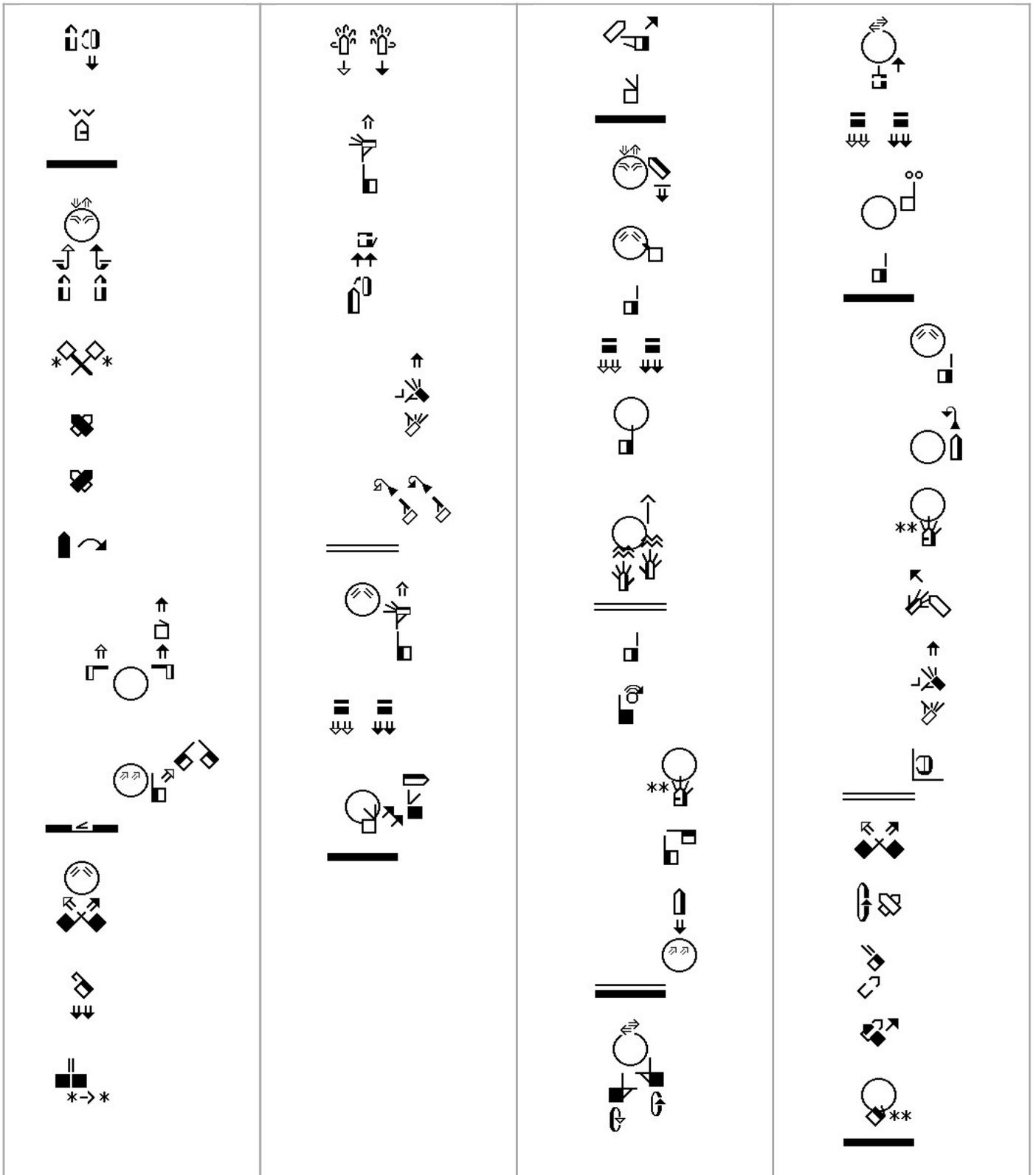
But love will last forever! Verse 9. Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! Verse 10. But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless. NLT



Verse 11. When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Verse 12. Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. NLT

1 Corinthians 13:12-13

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Chapter 14. Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives -- especially the ability to prophesy. Verse 2. For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious.

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1 Corinthians 14:3-5

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Verse 3. But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. Verse 4. A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church. Verse 5. I wish you could all speak in tongues, but even more
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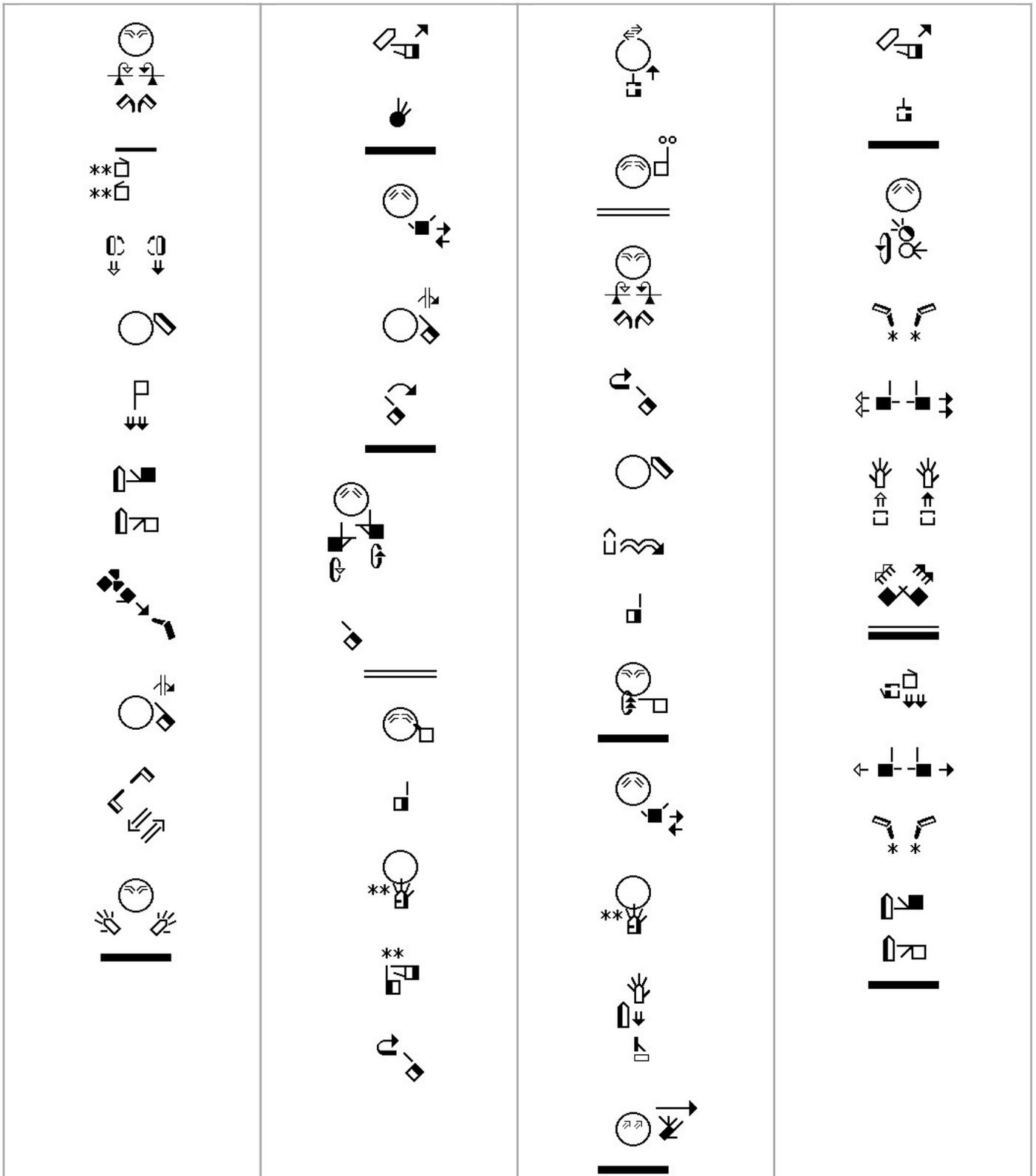
I wish you could all prophesy. For prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues, unless someone interprets what you are saying so that the whole church will be strengthened. Verse 6. Dear brothers and sisters, if I should come to you speaking in an unknown language, how would that help you? But if I bring you a revelation or some special knowledge or prophesy or

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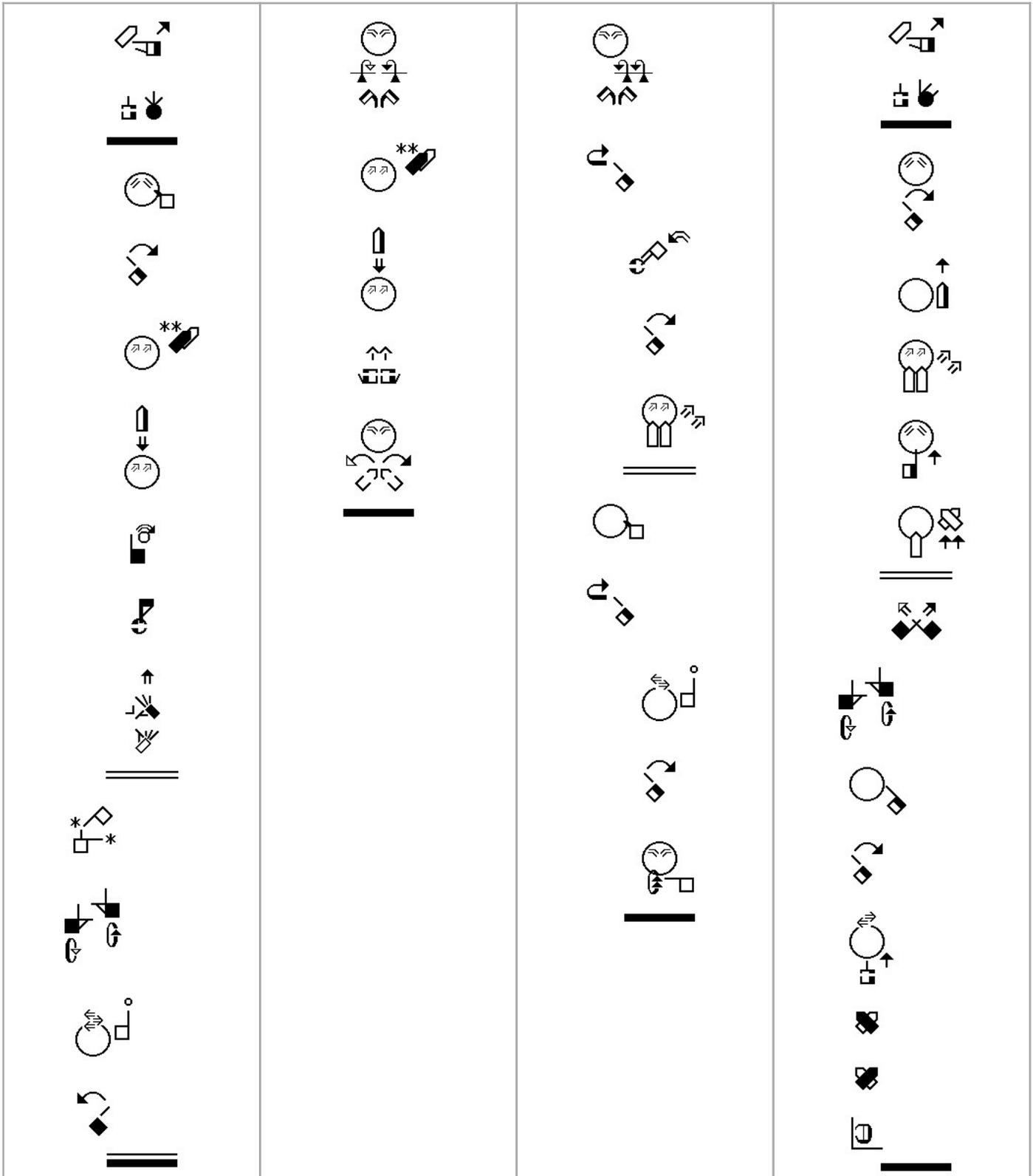
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teaching, that will be helpful. Verse 7. Even lifeless instruments like the flute or the harp must play the notes clearly, or no one will recognize the melody. Verse 8. And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear call, NLT



how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? Verse 9. It's the same for you. If you speak to people in words they don't understand, how will they know what you are saying? You might as well be talking into empty space. Verse 10. There are many different languages in the world, and every language has meaning. NLT

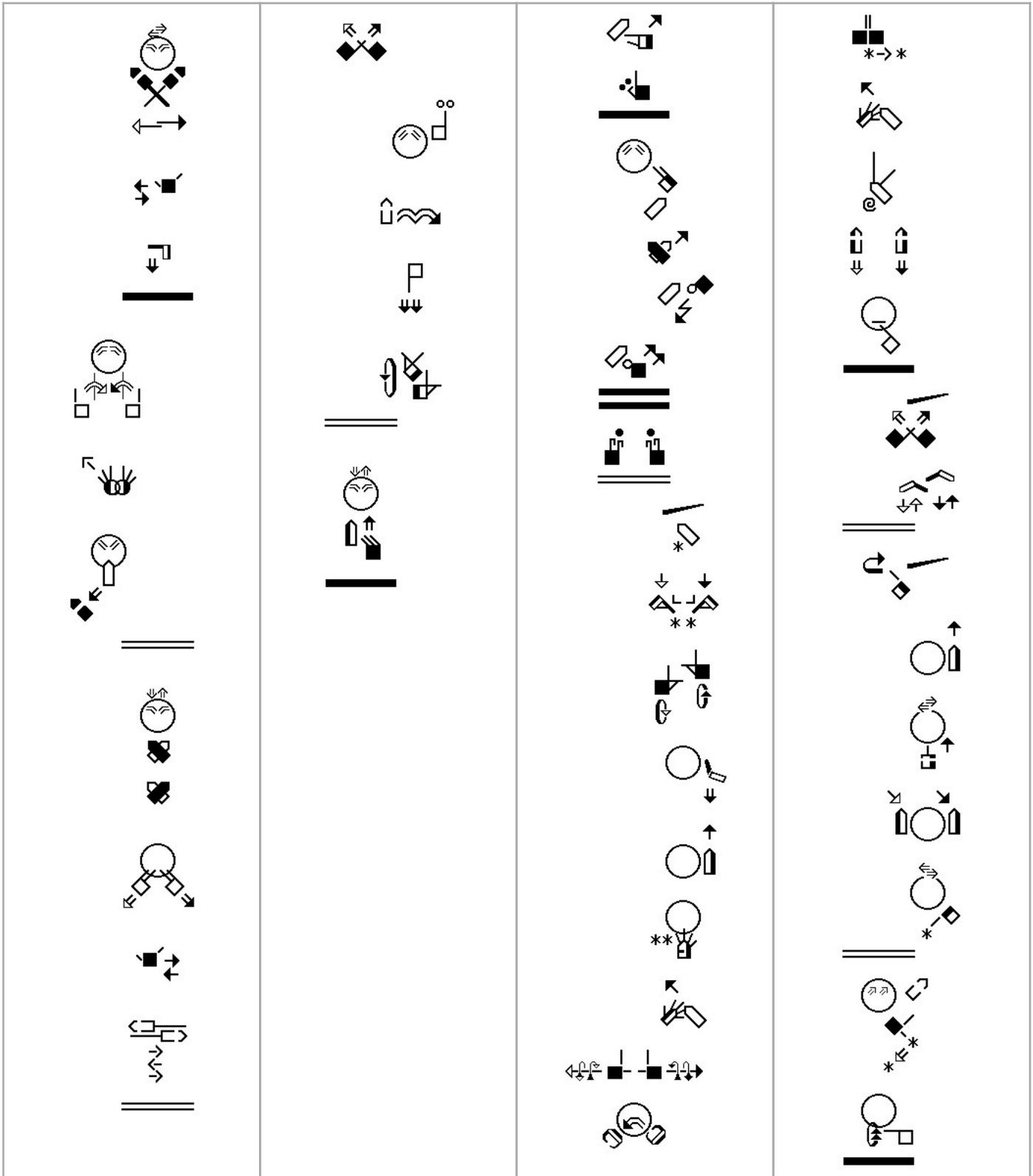
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Verse 16. For if you praise God only in the spirit, how can those who don't understand you praise God along with you? How can they join you in giving thanks when they don't understand what you are saying? Verse 17. You will be giving thanks very well, but it won't strengthen the people who hear you. NLT

1 Corinthians 14:20-21



Be innocent as babies when it comes to evil, but be mature in understanding matters of this kind. Verse 21. It is written in the Scriptures: "I will speak to my own people through strange languages and through the lips of foreigners. But even then, they will not listen to me," says the LORD.

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1 Corinthians 14:23-24

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416 come into your church meeting and hear everyone speaking in an unknown language, they will think you are crazy. Verse 24. But if all of you are prophesying, and unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your meeting, they will be convicted of sin and judged by what you say. NLT

1 Corinthians 14:26-27

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one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must strengthen all of you. Verse 27. No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say. NLT

1 Corinthians 14:30-32

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from the Lord, the one who is speaking must stop. Verse 31. In this way, all who prophesy will have a turn to speak, one after the other, so that everyone will learn and be encouraged. Verse 32. Remember that people who prophesy are in control of their spirit and can take turns.
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1 Corinthians 14:35-36

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Verse 35. If they have any questions, they should ask their husbands at home, for it is improper for women to speak in church meetings. Verse 36. Or do you think God's word originated with you Corinthians? Are you the only ones to whom it was given? NLT

1 Corinthians 14:39-40

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and don't forbid speaking in tongues. Verse 40. But be sure that everything is done properly and in order. NLT

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Chapter 15. Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. Verse 2. It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you -- unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. NLT

1 Corinthians 15:9-10

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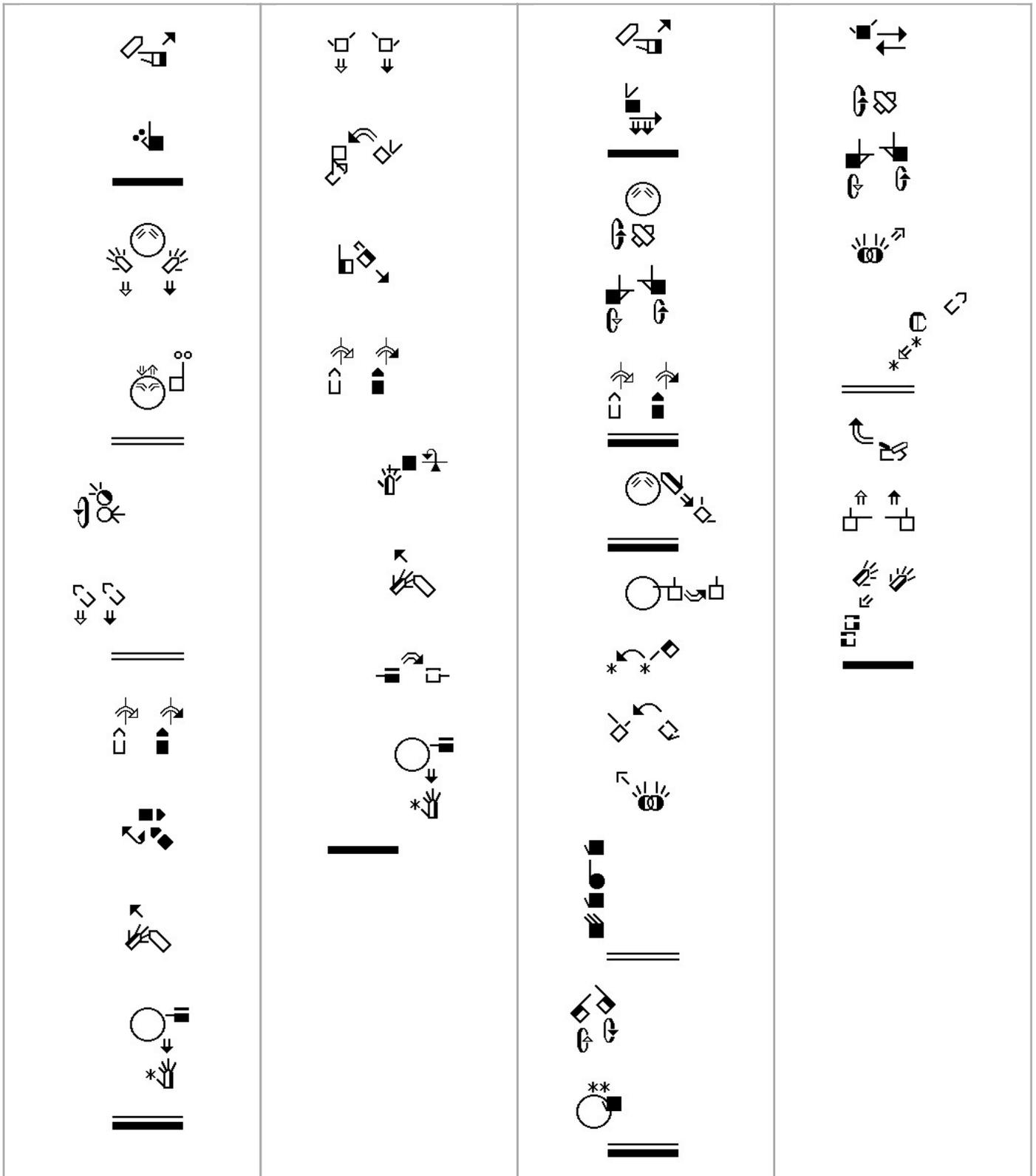
Verse 9. For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church. Verse 10. But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me -- and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles;

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raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. Verse 16. And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. Verse 17. And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.

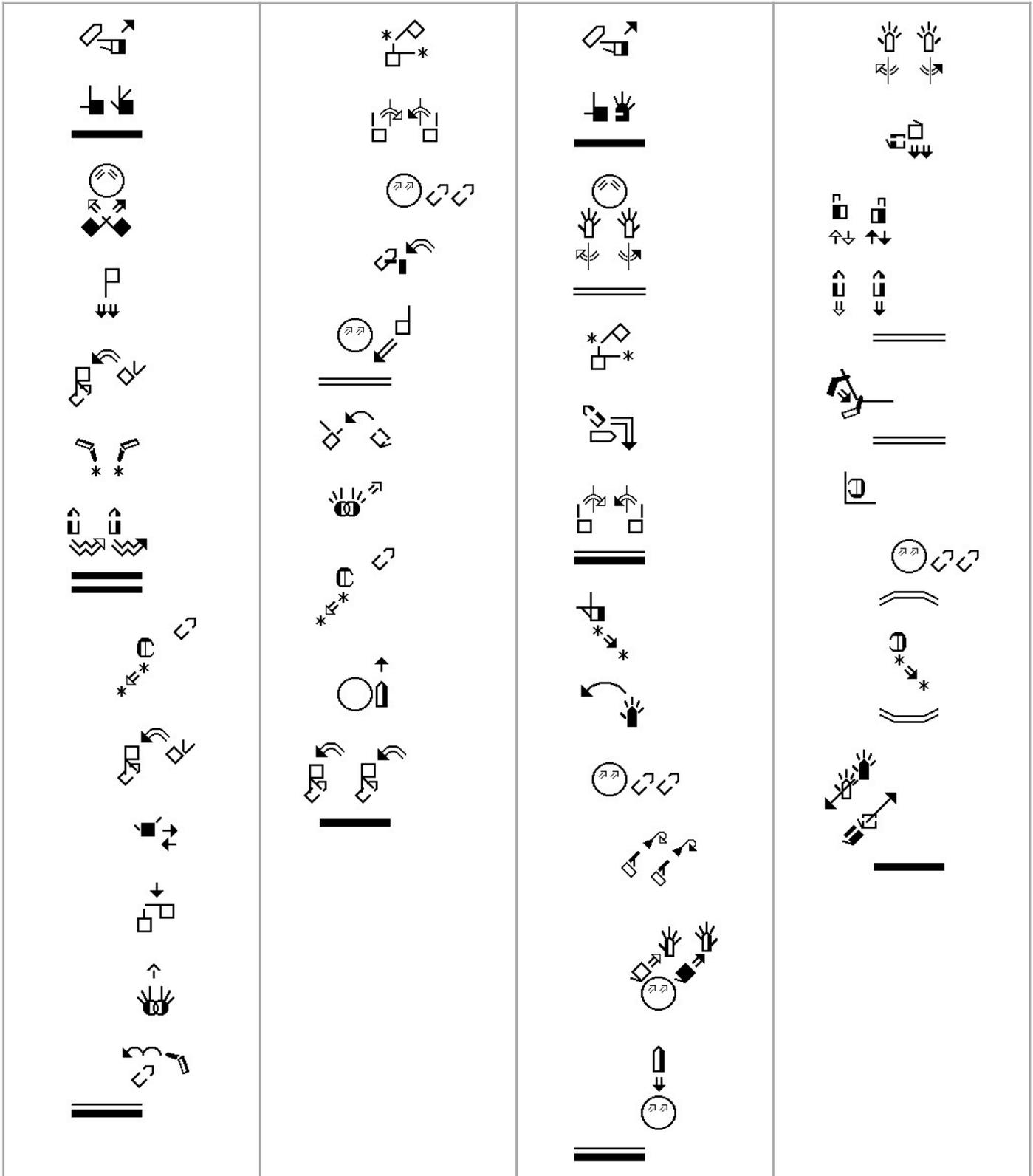
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Verse 21. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Verse 22. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

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1 Corinthians 15:23-24



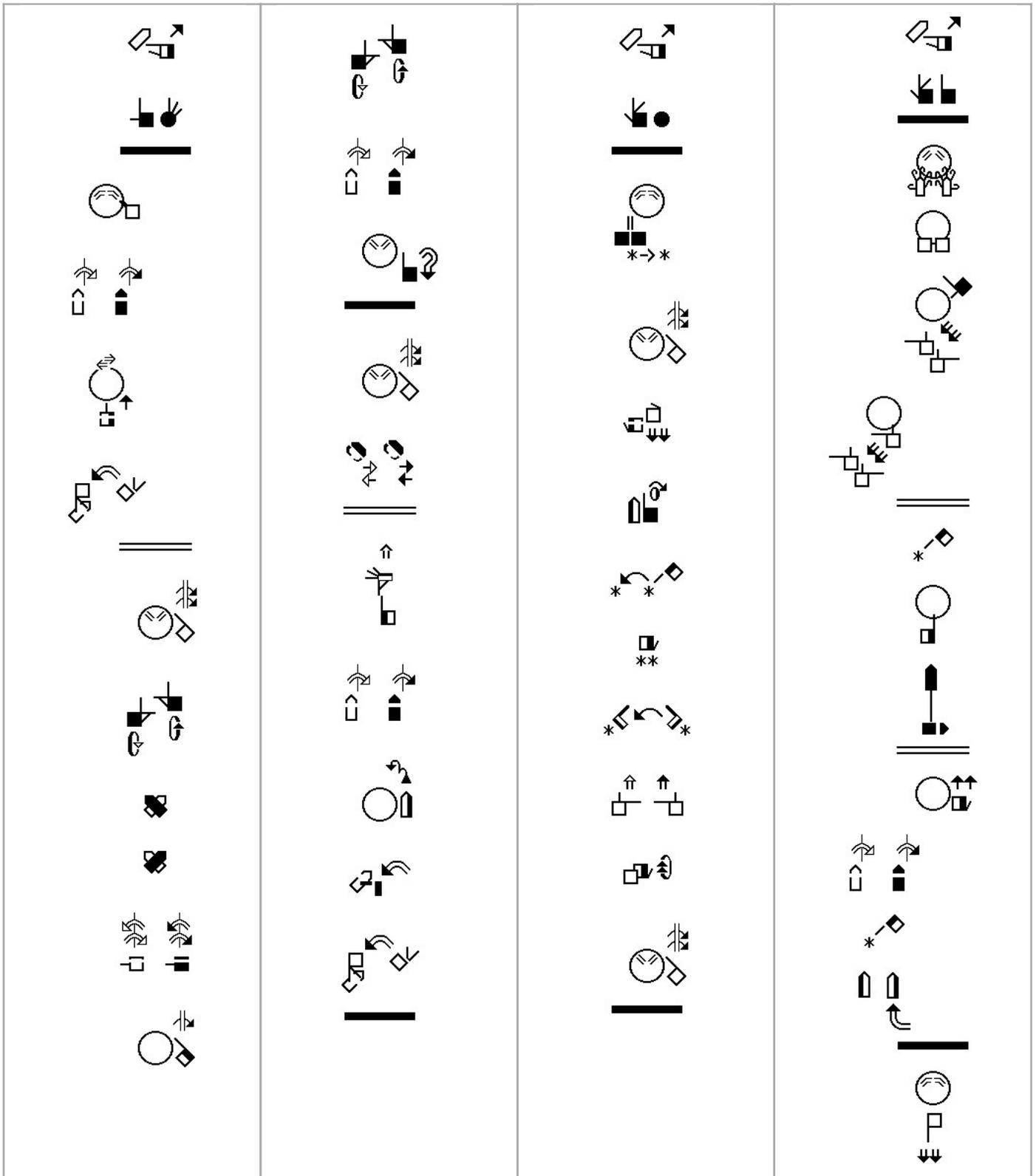
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Verse 23. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back. Verse 24. After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. NLT

1 Corinthians 15:27-28

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436 that does not include God himself, who gave Christ his authority.) Verse 28. Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God's authority, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere. NLT



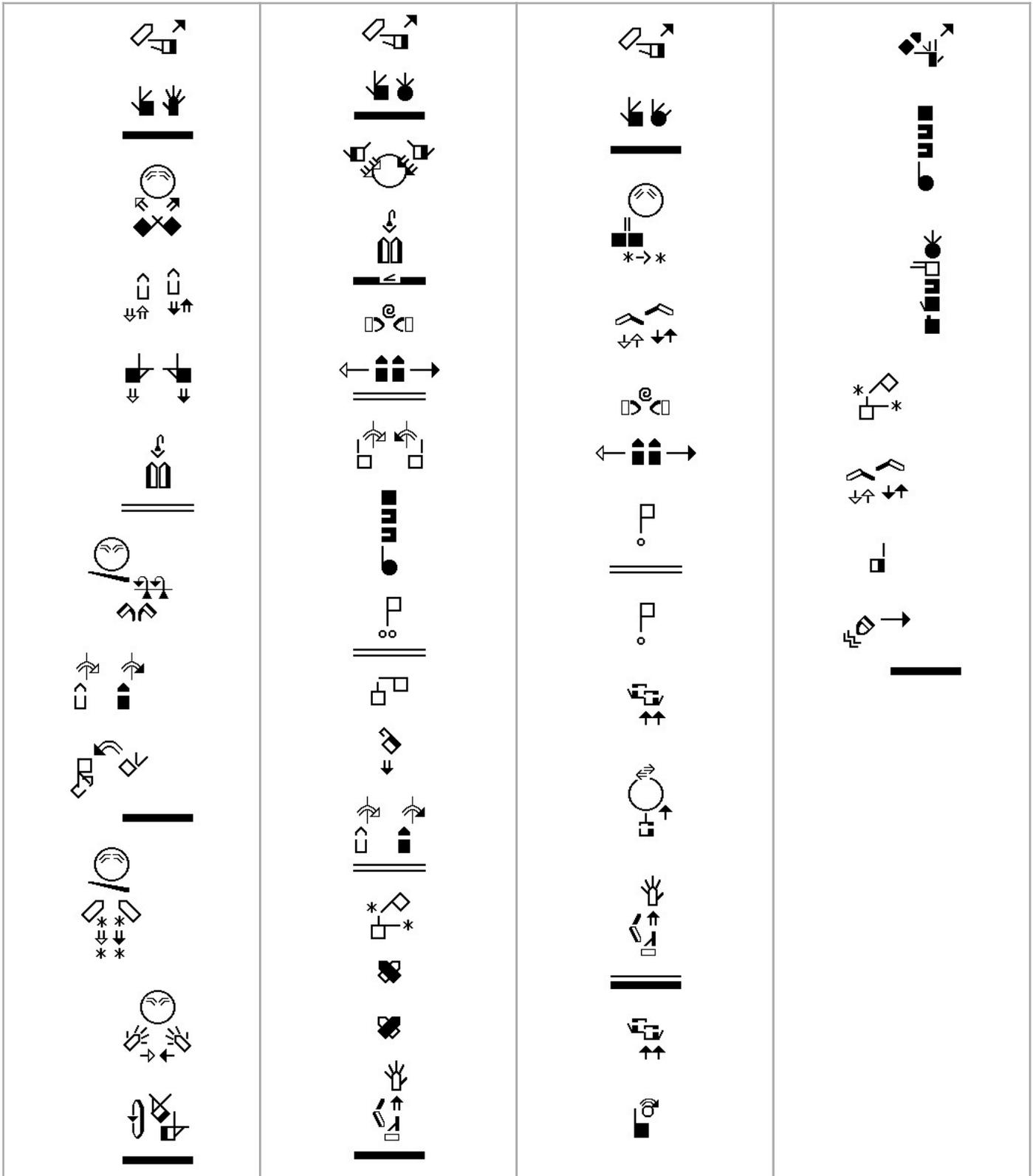
Verse 29. If the dead will not be raised, what point is there in people being baptized for those who are dead? Why do it unless the dead will someday rise again? Verse 30. And why should we ourselves risk our lives hour by hour? Verse 31. For I swear, dear brothers and sisters, that I face death daily. This

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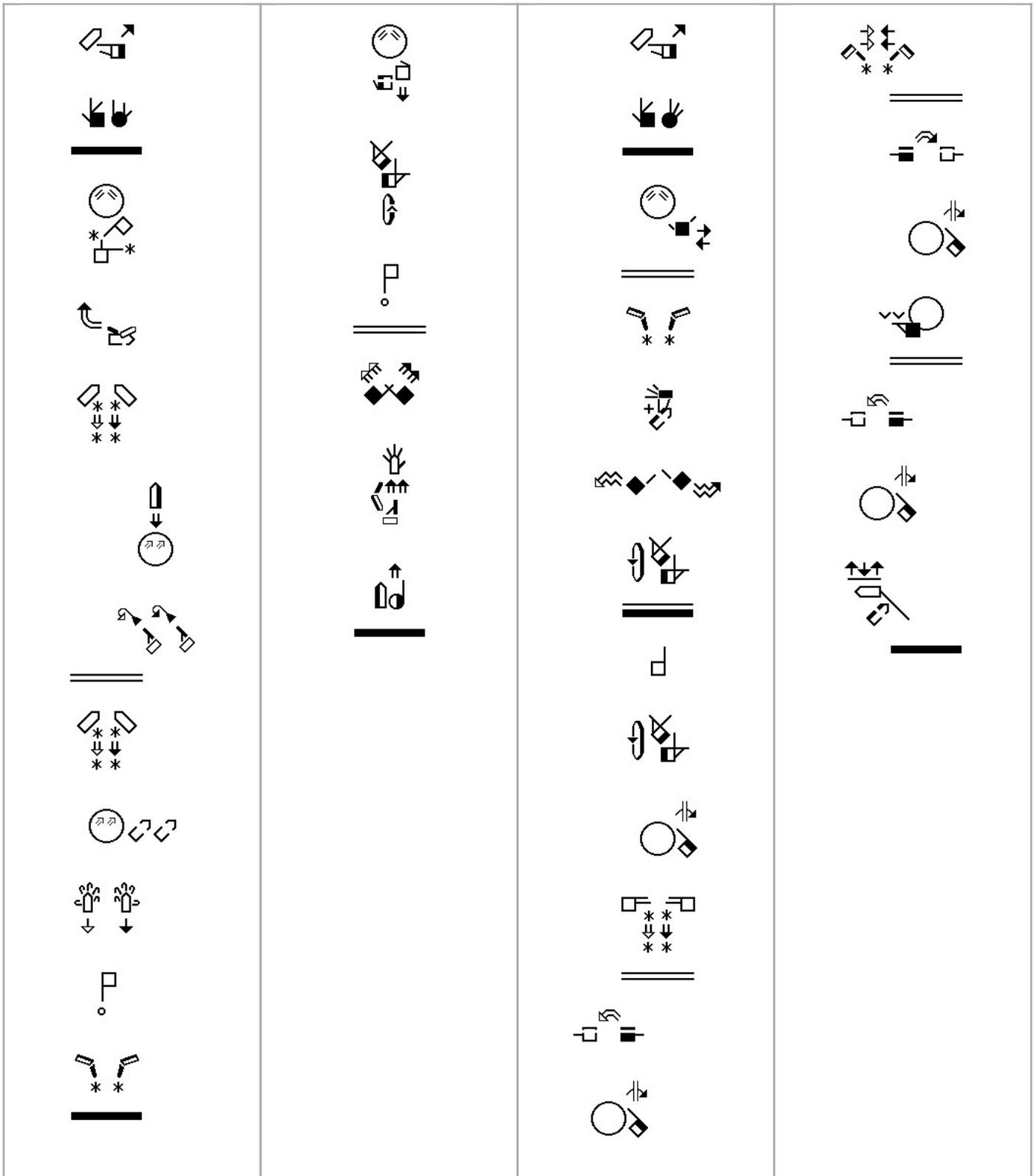
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438 is as certain as my pride in what Christ Jesus our Lord has done in you. Verse 32. And what value was there in fighting wild beasts -- those people of Ephesus -- if there will be no resurrection from the dead? And if there is no resurrection, "Let's feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!" NLT

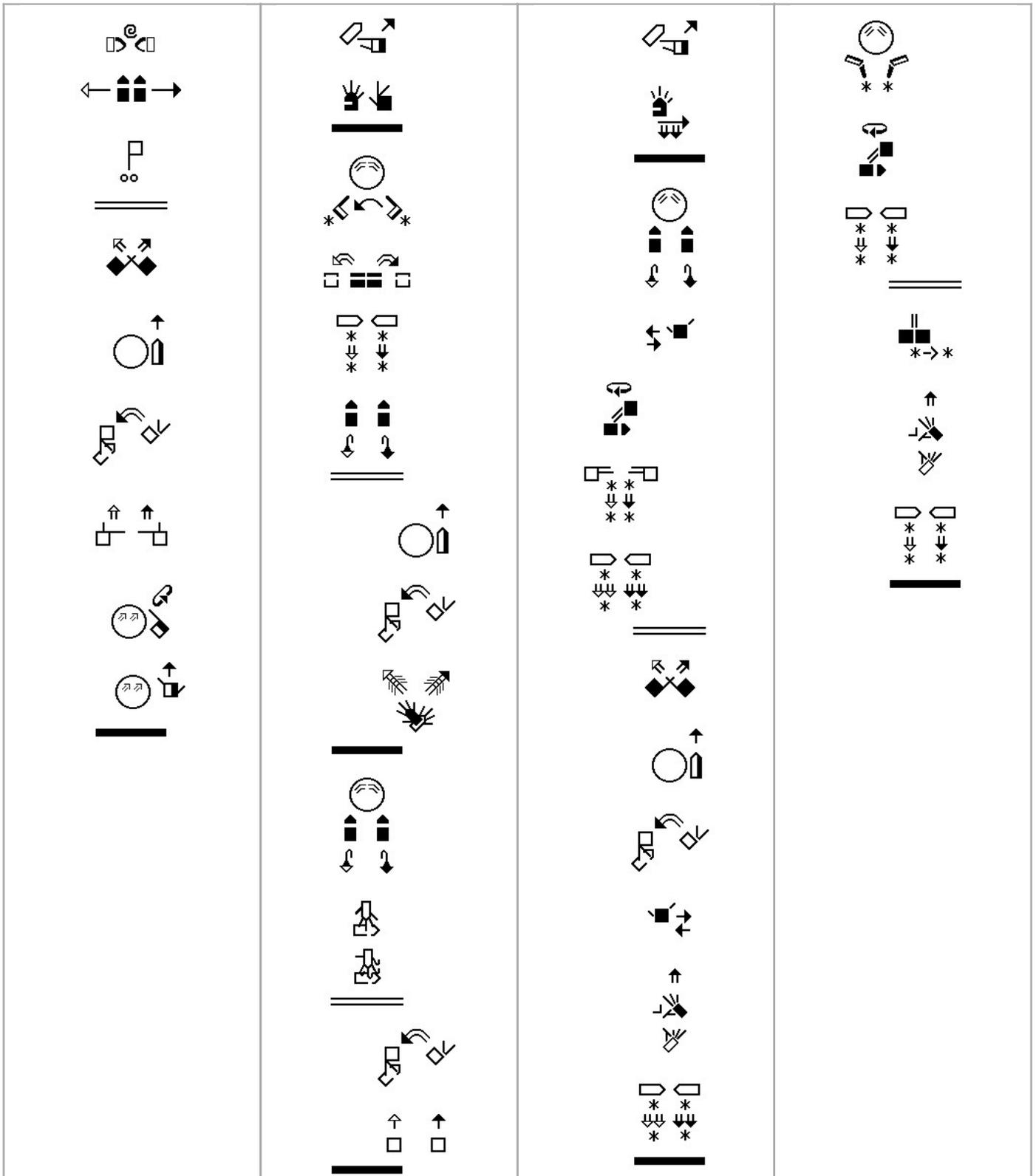
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Verse 35. But someone may ask, "How will the dead be raised? What kind of bodies will they have?" Verse 36. What a foolish question! When you put a seed into the ground, it doesn't grow into a plant unless it dies first. Verse 37. And what you put in the ground is not the plant that will grow, but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. NLT



Verse 38. Then God gives it the new body he wants it to have. A different plant grows from each kind of seed. Verse 39. Similarly there are different kinds of flesh -- one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. NLT



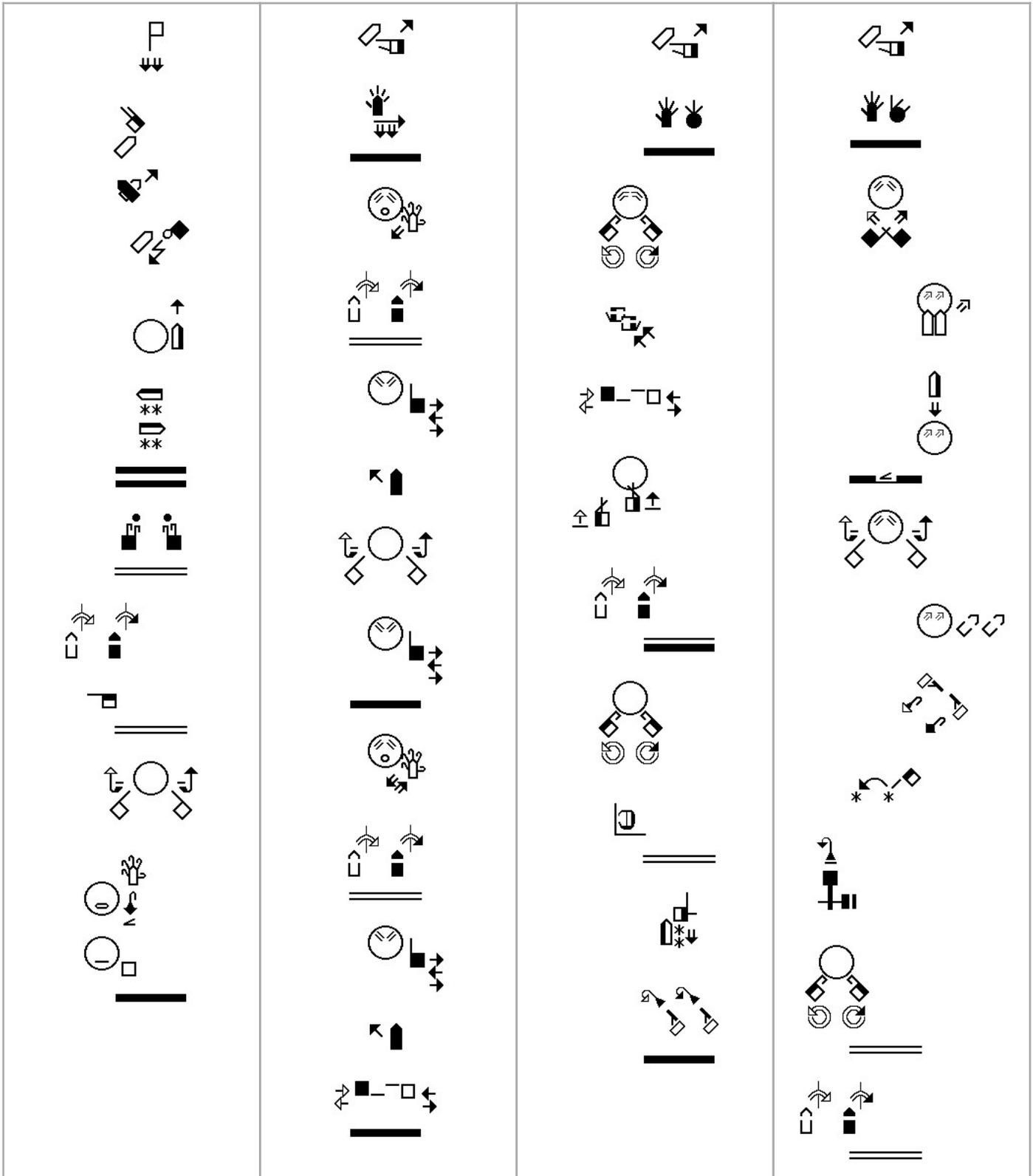
are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Verse 43. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. Verse 44. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies. NLT

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physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. Verse 51. But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! Verse 52. It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds,

1 Corinthians 15:54-57



this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. Verse 55. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" Verse 56. For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. Verse 57. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death
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through our Lord Jesus Christ. Verse 58. So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

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

1 Corinthians 16:5-7

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

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

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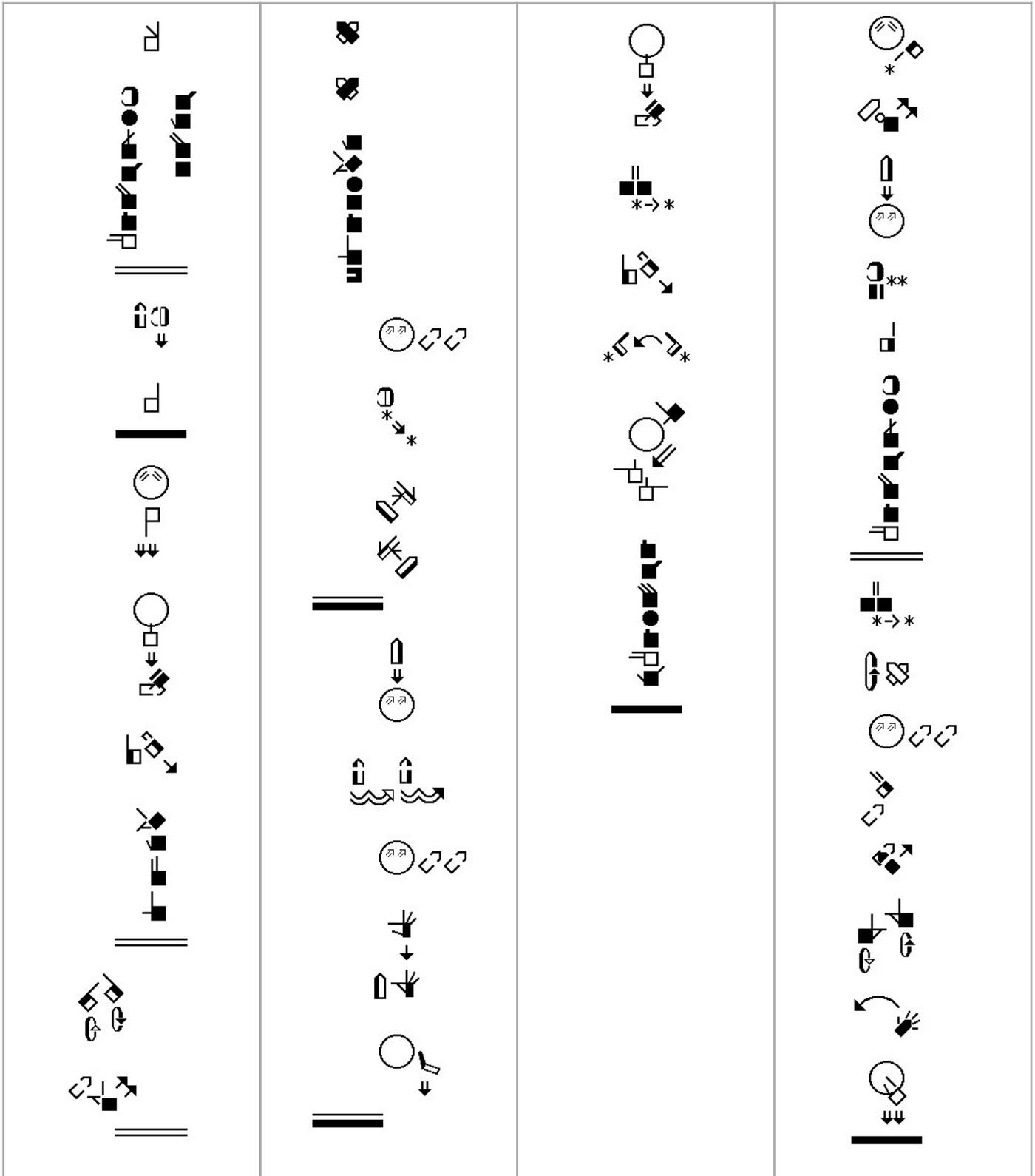
Verse 15. You know that Stephanas and his household were the first of the harvest of believers in Greece, and they are spending their lives in service to God's people. I urge you, dear brothers and sisters, Verse 16. to submit to them and others like them who serve with such devotion.

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1 Corinthians 16:19-21

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



2 Corinthians, Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. I am writing to God's church in Corinth and to all of his holy people throughout Greece.

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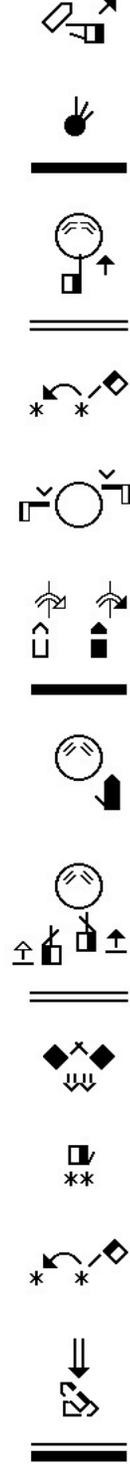
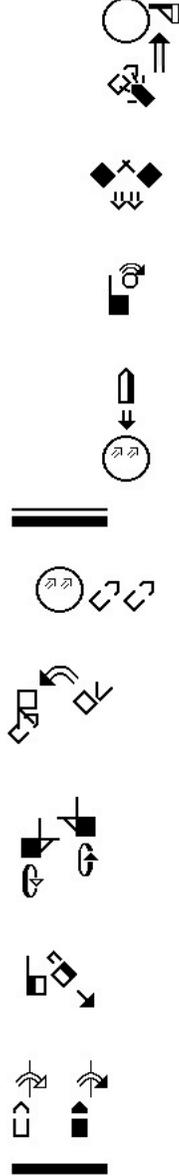
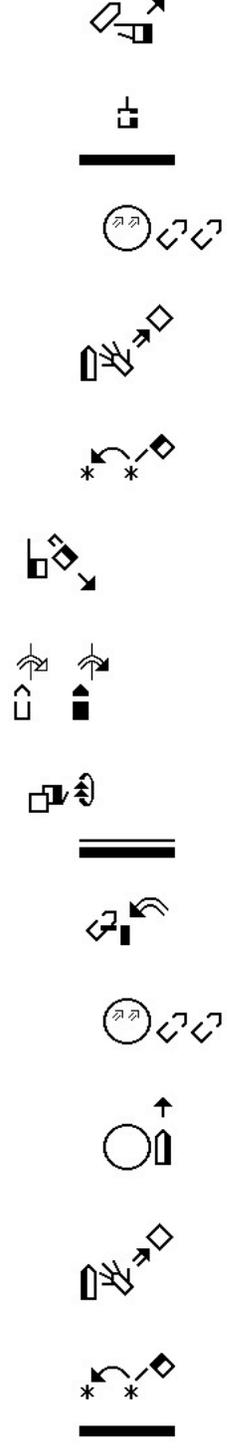
<p>462</p>	<p>Verse 2. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Verse 3. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. NLT</p>		

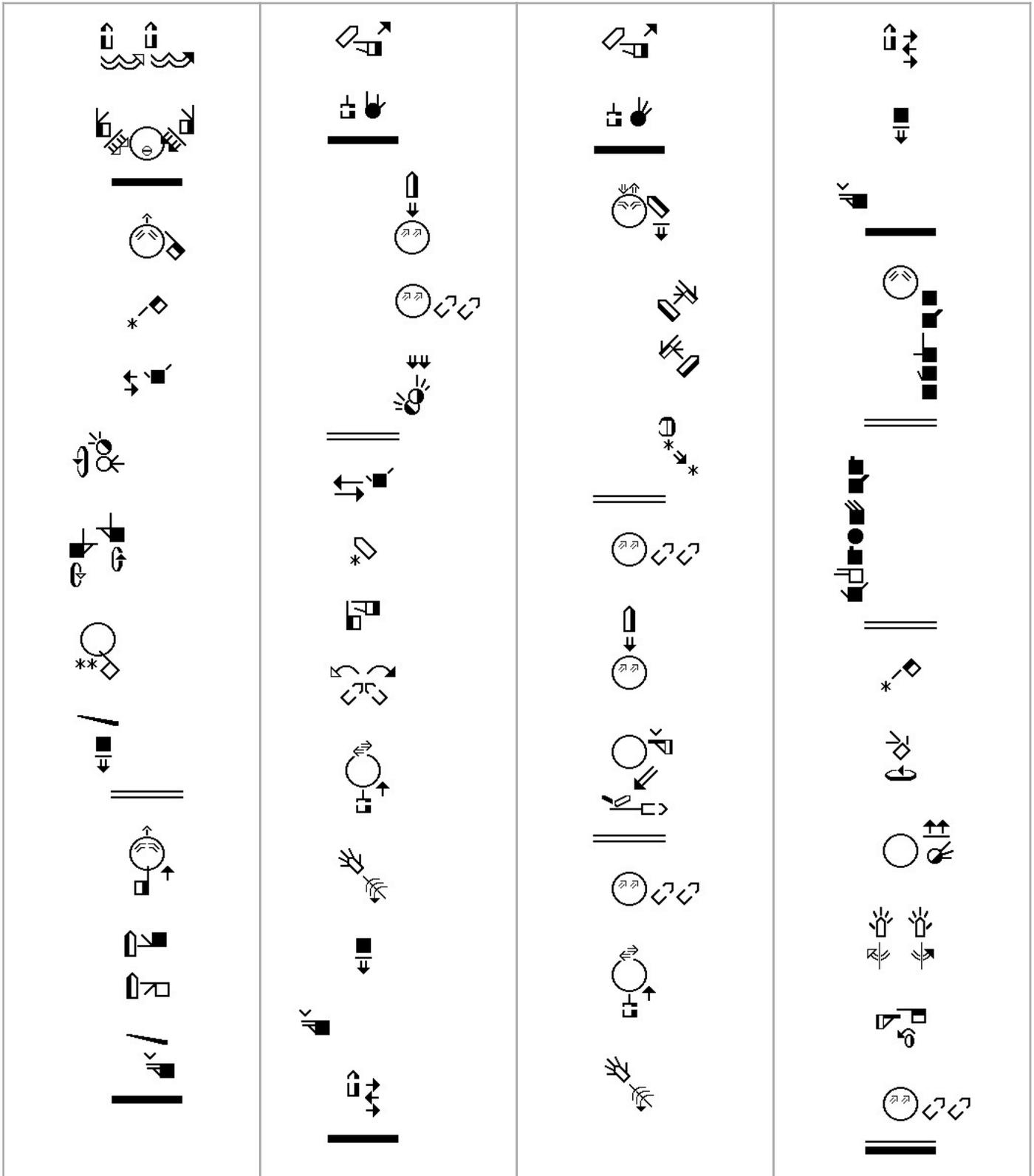
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God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. Verse 6. Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10

			
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make my plans carelessly? Do you think I am like people of the world who say "Yes" when they really mean "No"? Verse 18. As surely as God is faithful, my word to you does not waver between "Yes" and "No." Verse 19. For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between "Yes" and "No." He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you,

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Verse 23. Now I call upon God as my witness that I am telling the truth. The reason I didn't return to Corinth was to spare you from a severe rebuke. Verse 24. But that does not mean we want to dominate you by telling you how to put your faith into practice. We want to work together with you so you will be full of joy, NLT

			
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for it is by your own faith that you stand firm.

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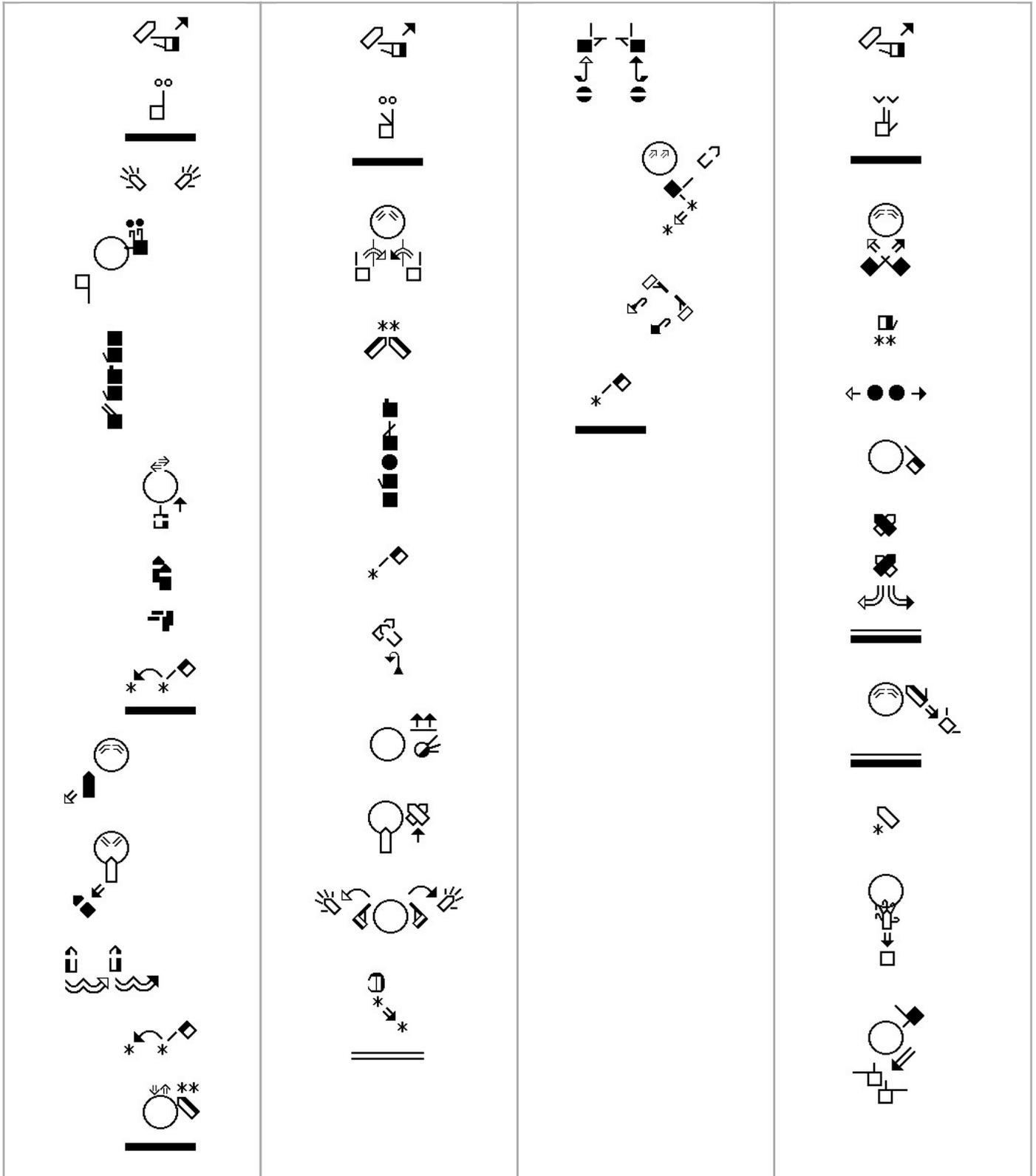
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I won't be grieved by the very ones who ought to give me the greatest joy. Surely you all know that my joy comes from your being joyful. Verse 4. I wrote that letter in great anguish, with a troubled heart and many tears. I didn't want to grieve you, but I wanted to let you know how much love I have for you.

2 Corinthians 2:11-13



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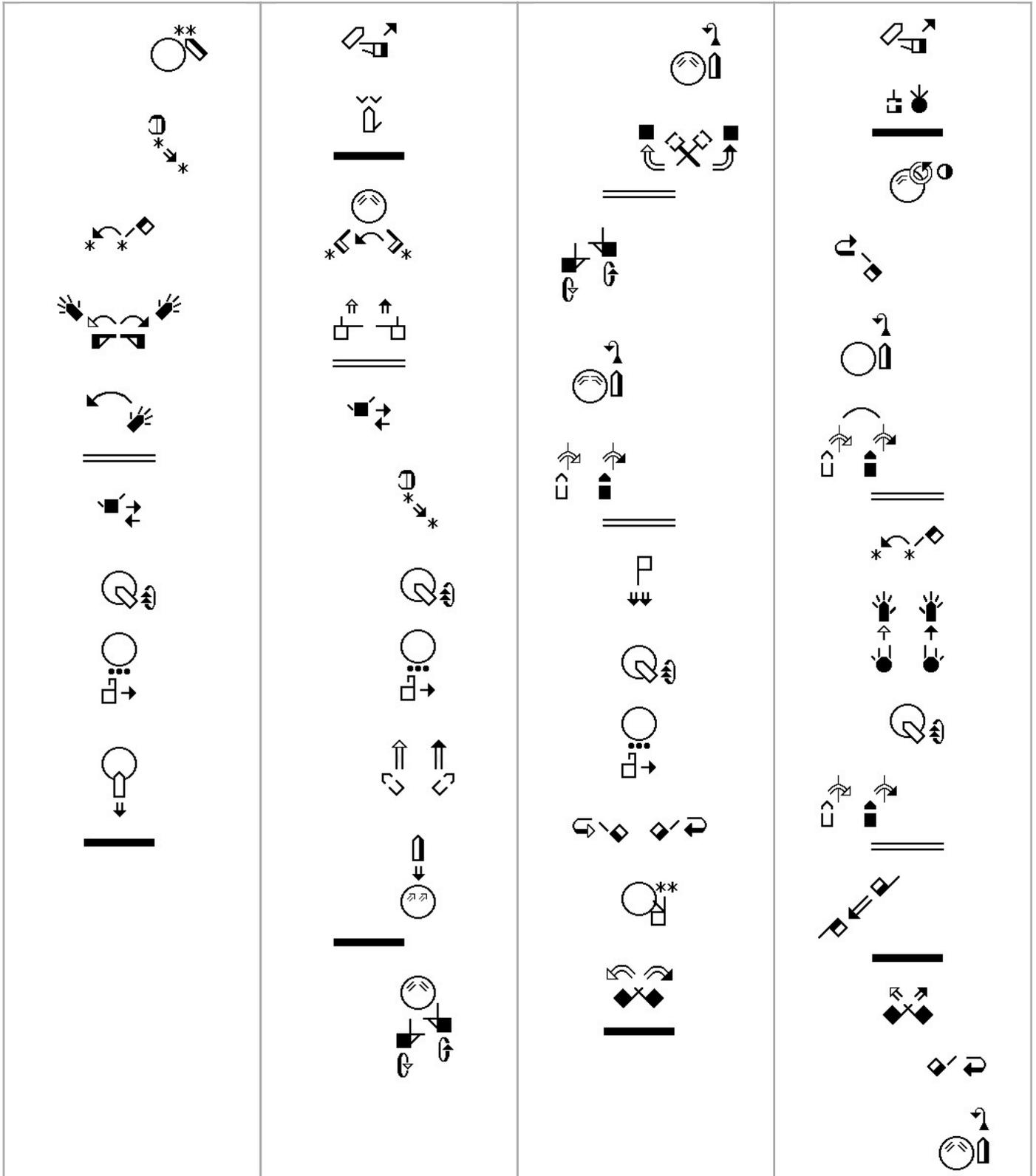
Verse 11. so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes. Verse 12. When I came to the city of Troas to preach the Good News of Christ, the Lord opened a door of opportunity for me. Verse 13. But I had no peace of mind because my dear brother

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Titus hadn't yet arrived with a report from you. So I said good-bye and went on to Macedonia to find him. Verse 14. But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us

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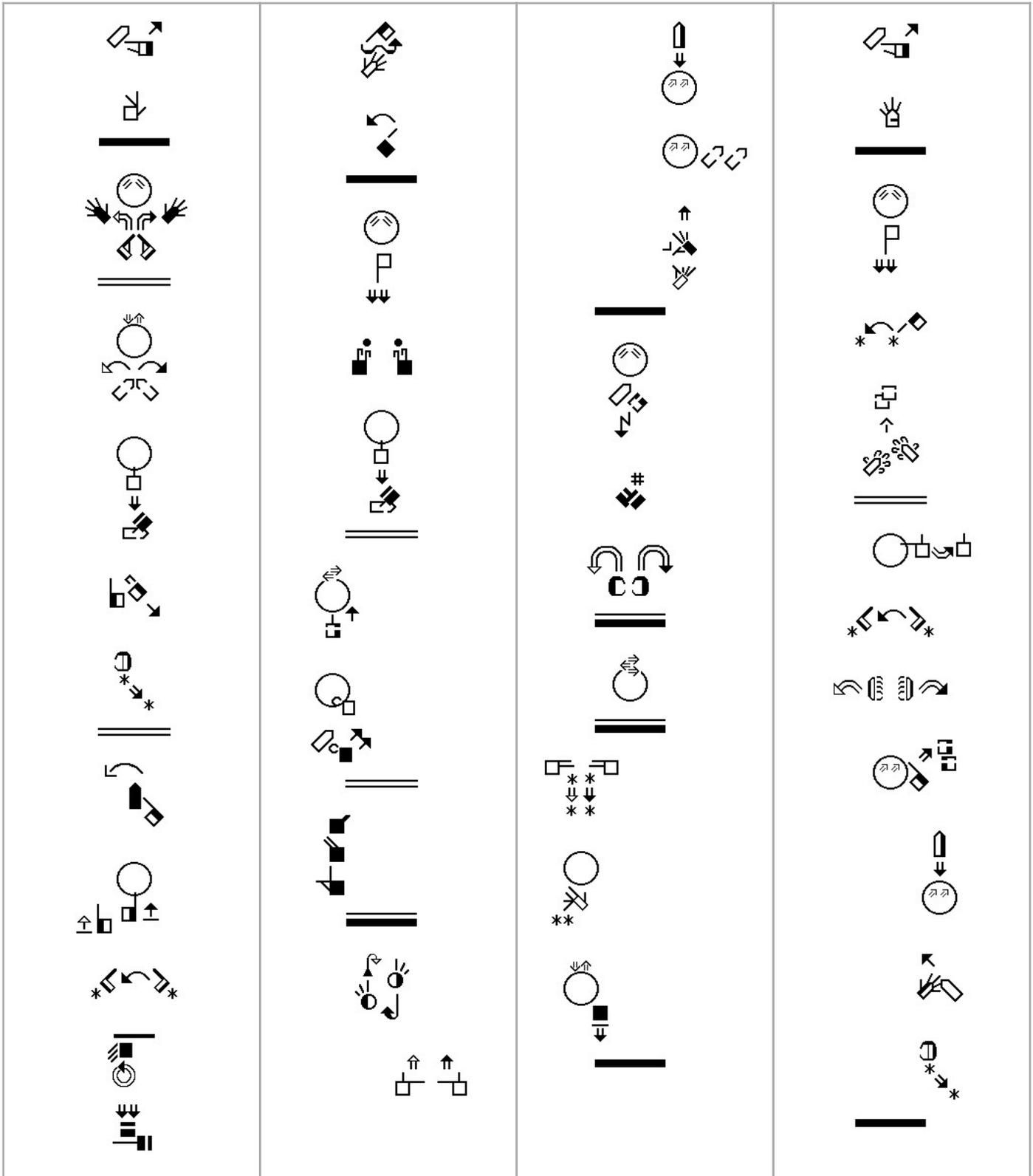


482 to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume. Verse 15. Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing. Verse 16. To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those NLT

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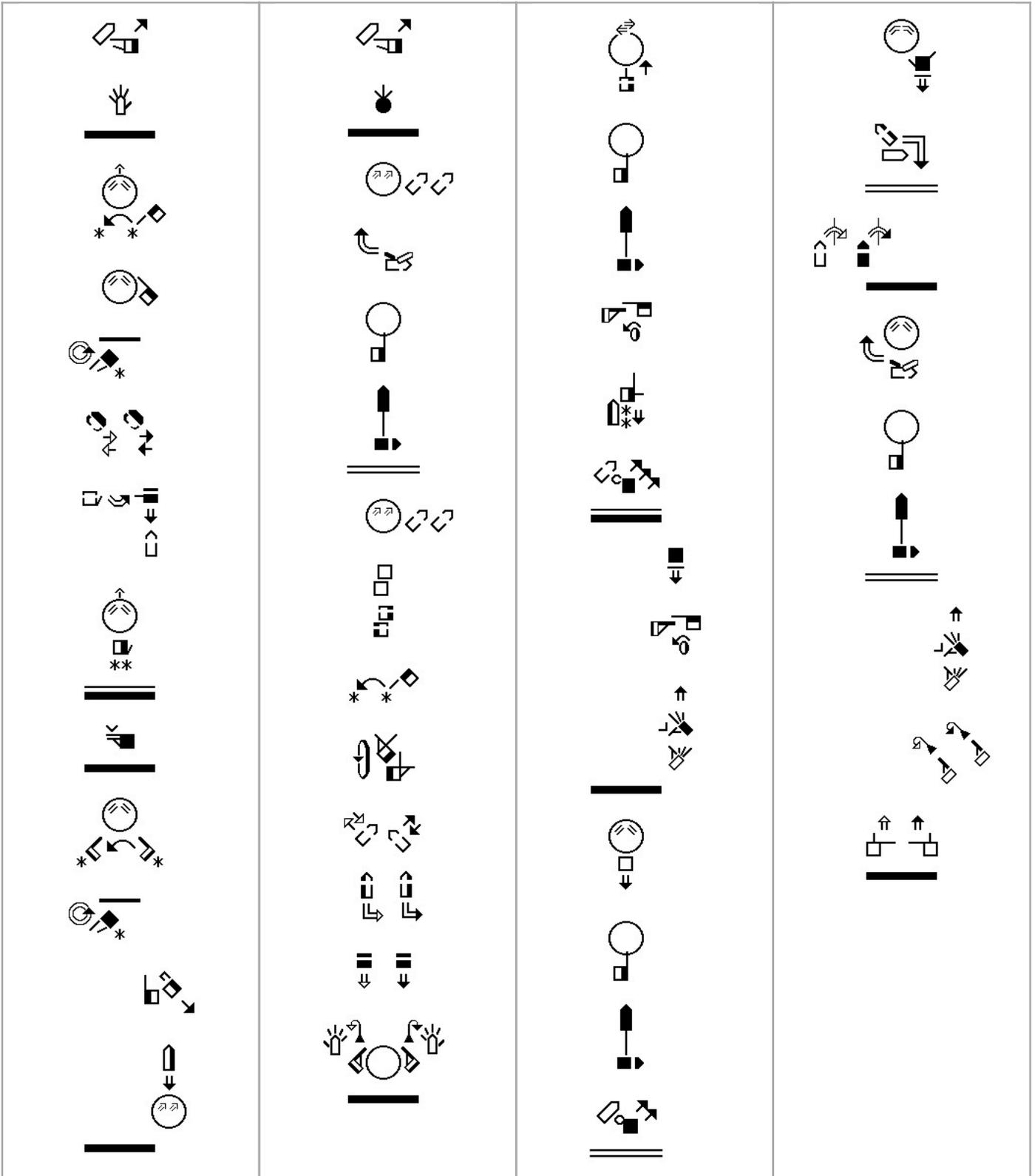
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484 Chapter 3. Are we beginning to praise ourselves again? Are we like others, who need to bring you letters of recommendation, or who ask you to write such letters on their behalf? Surely not! Verse 2. The only letter of recommendation we need is you yourselves. Your lives are a letter written in our hearts: everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you. NLT



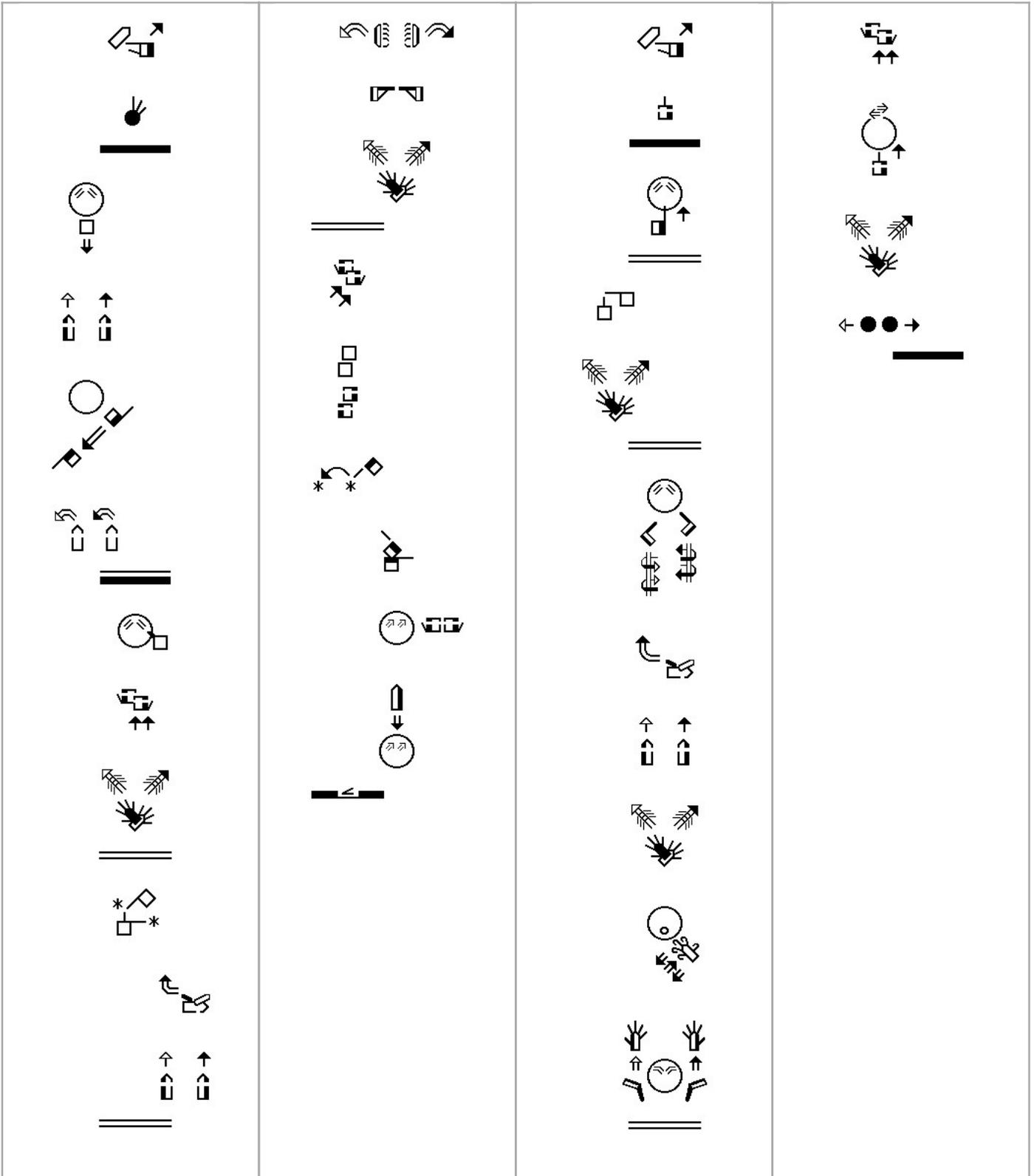
Verse 3. Clearly, you are a letter from Christ showing the result of our ministry among you. This "letter" is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the living God. It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts. Verse 4. We are confident of all this because of our great trust in God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:5-6



Verse 5. It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God. Verse 6. He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life. NLT

2 Corinthians 3:9-10



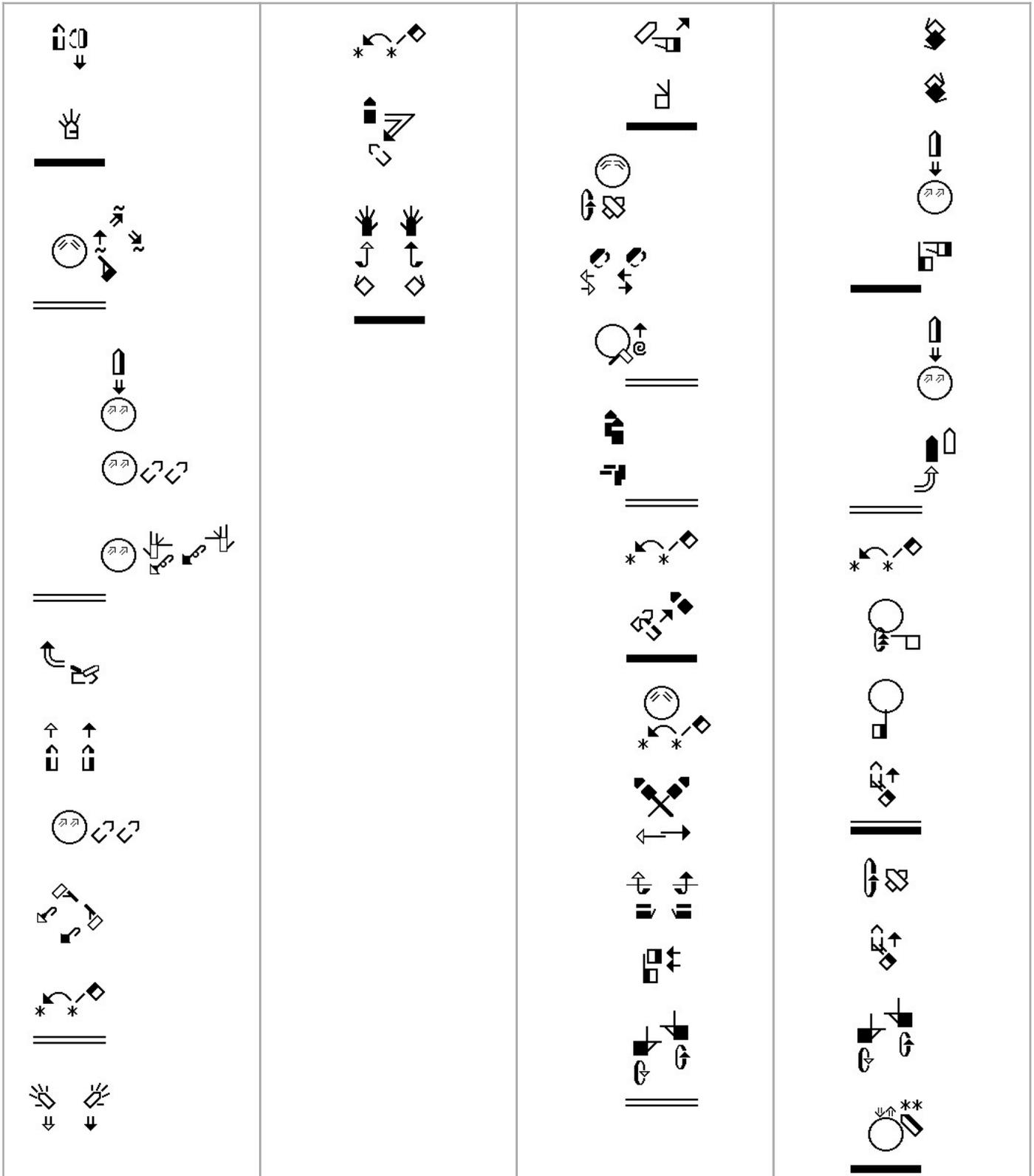
488 Verse 9. If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God! Verse 10. In fact, that first glory was not glorious at all compared with the overwhelming glory of the new way. NLT

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Verse 18. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord -- who is the Spirit -- makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. NLT

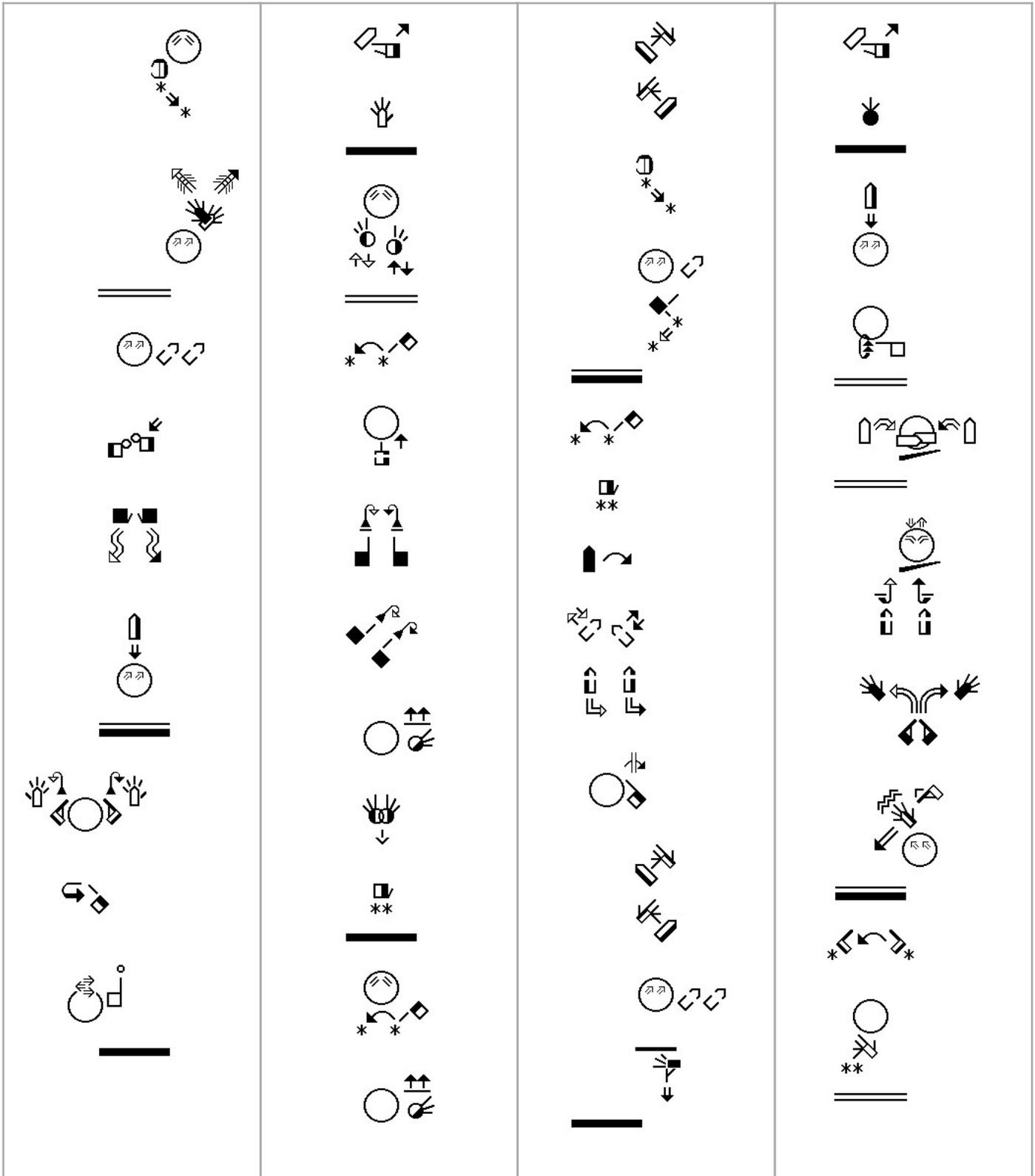


Chapter 4. Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up. Verse 2. We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

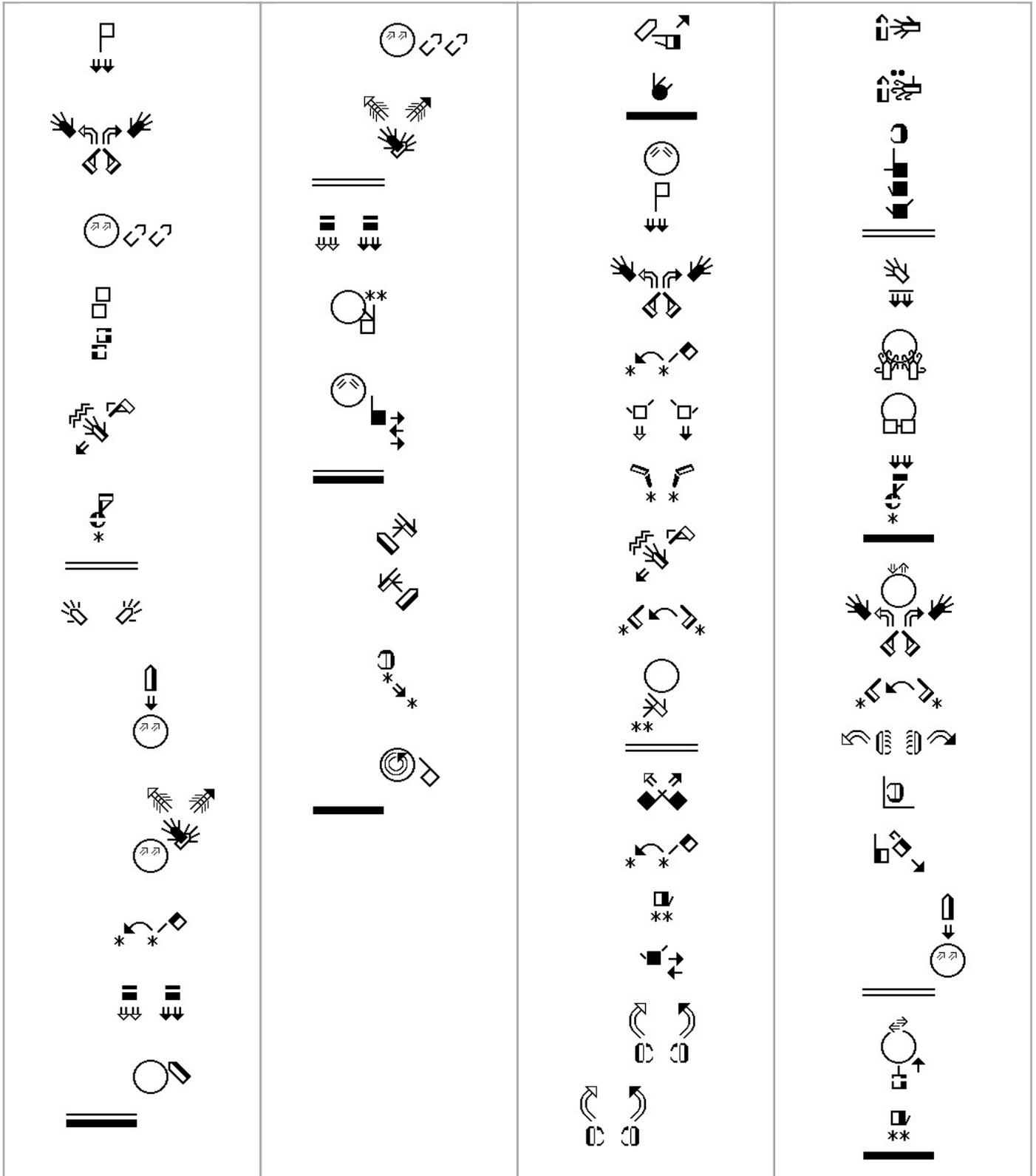
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Verse 3. If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. Verse 4. Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News.
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They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. Verse 5. You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. Verse 6. For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness,"

2 Corinthians 4:6-7



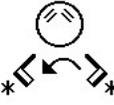
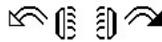
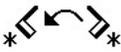
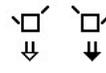
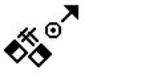
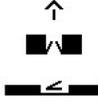
496 has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. Verse 7. We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. NLT

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Verse 10. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. Verse 11. Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies.

Verse 12. So we live in the face of death, but this has resulted in eternal life for you.
 Verse 13. But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke." Verse 14. We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will

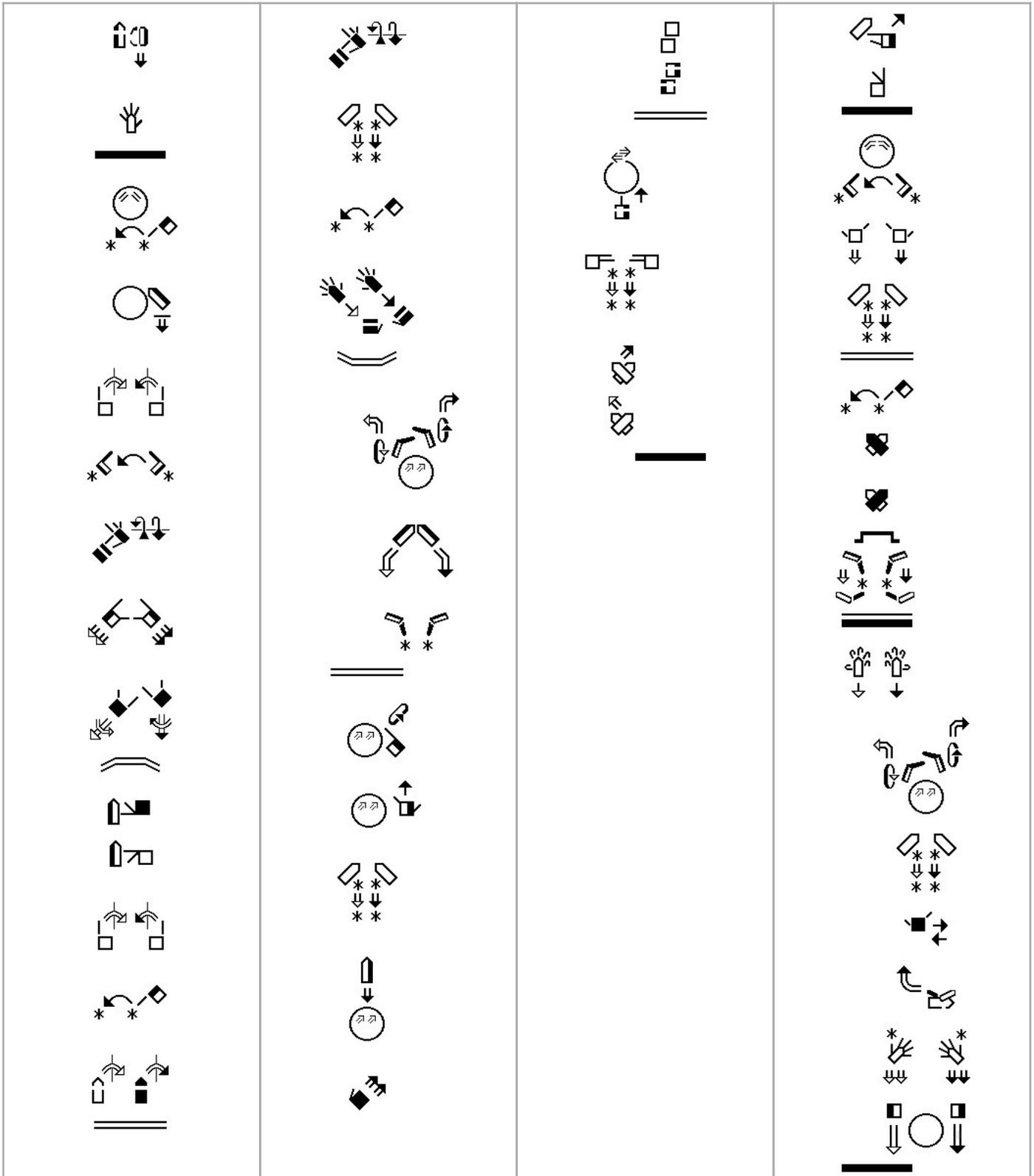
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			

our spirits are being renewed every day. Verse 17. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! Verse 18. So we don't look at the troubles we can see now;

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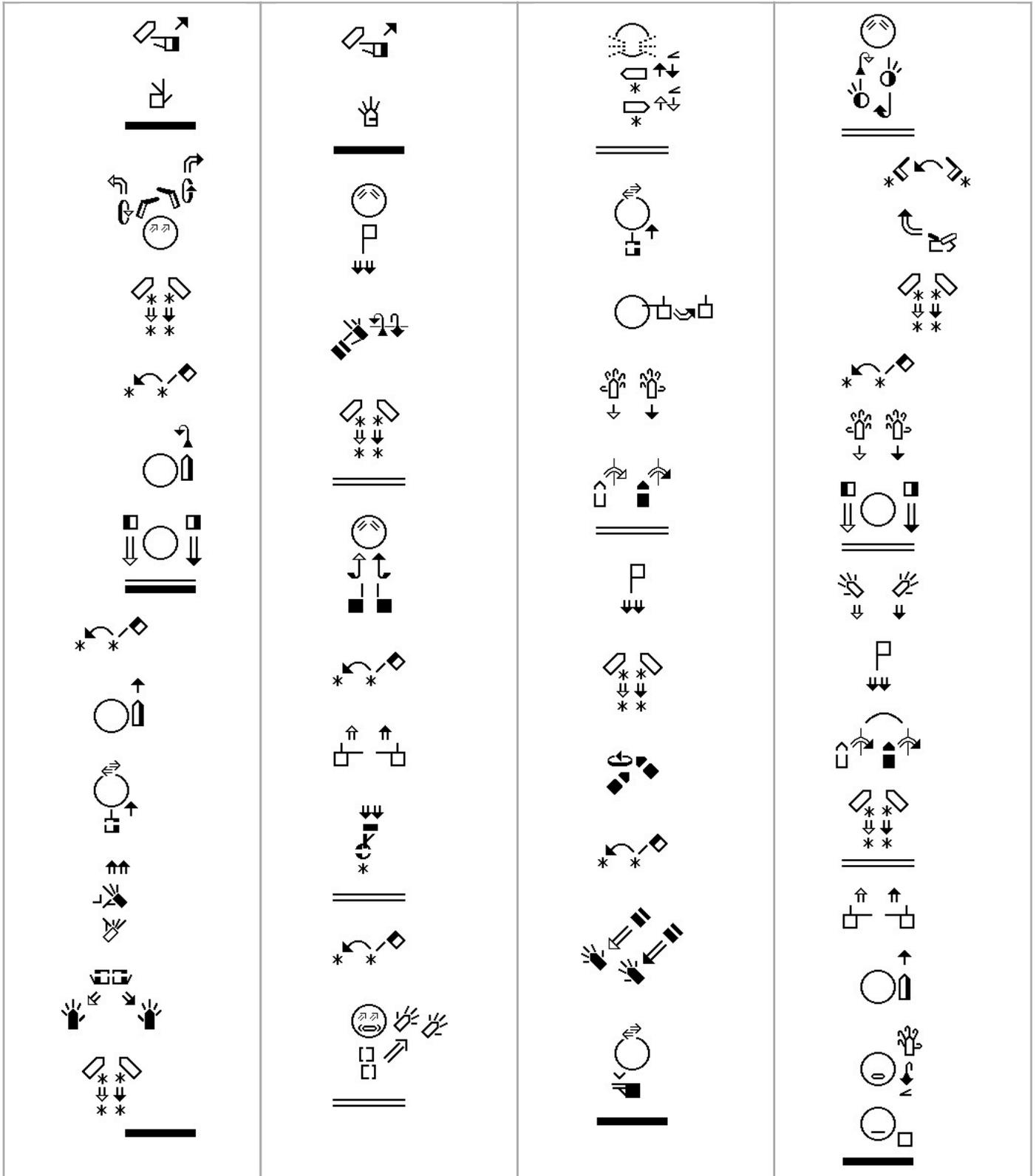
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502 rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. NLT



Chapter 5. For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. Verse 2. We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. NLT

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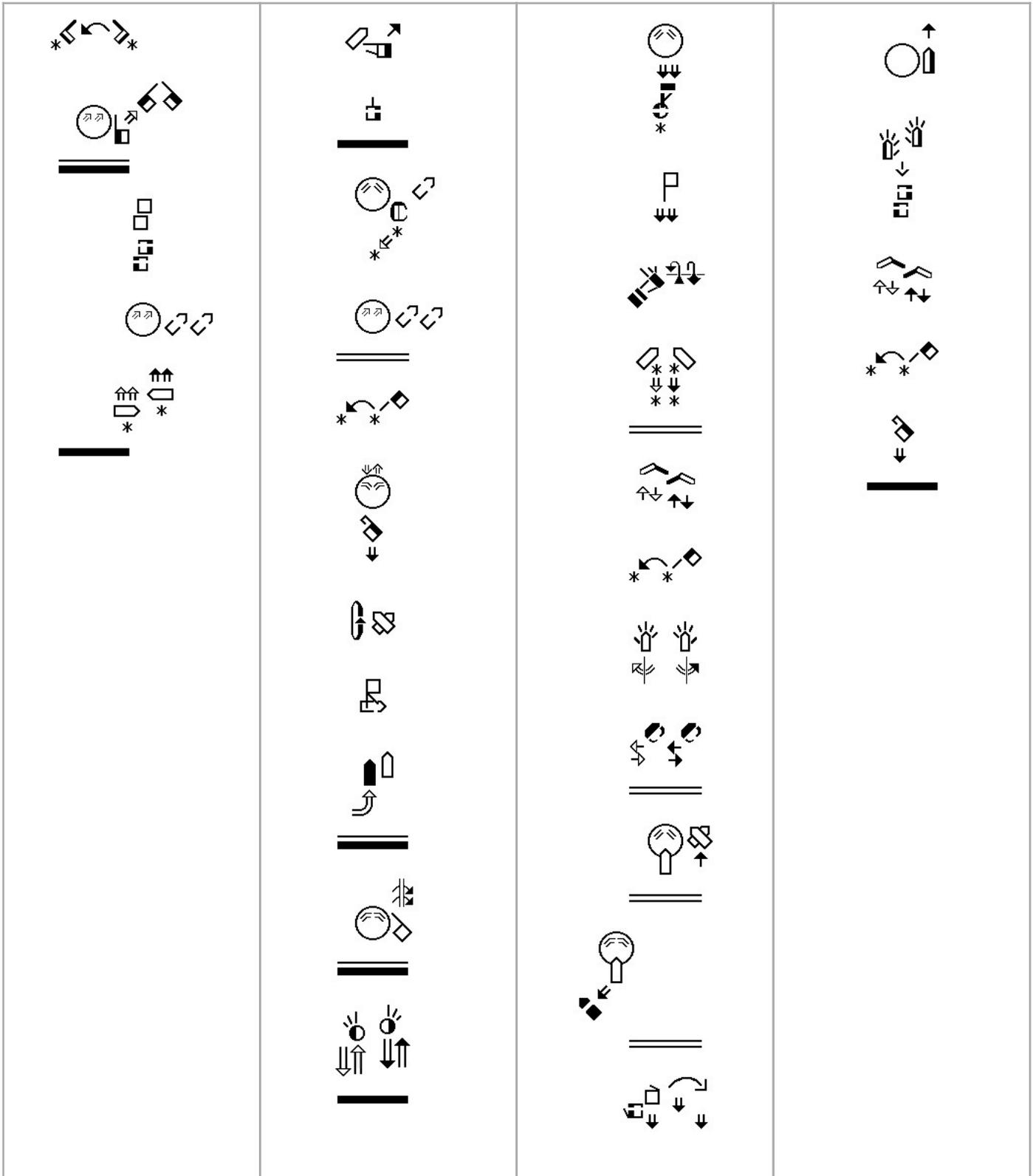


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Verse 3. For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. Verse 4. While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. NLT

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Verse 5. God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit. Verse 6. So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord.



our goal is to please him. Verse 10. For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

2 Corinthians 5:11-12

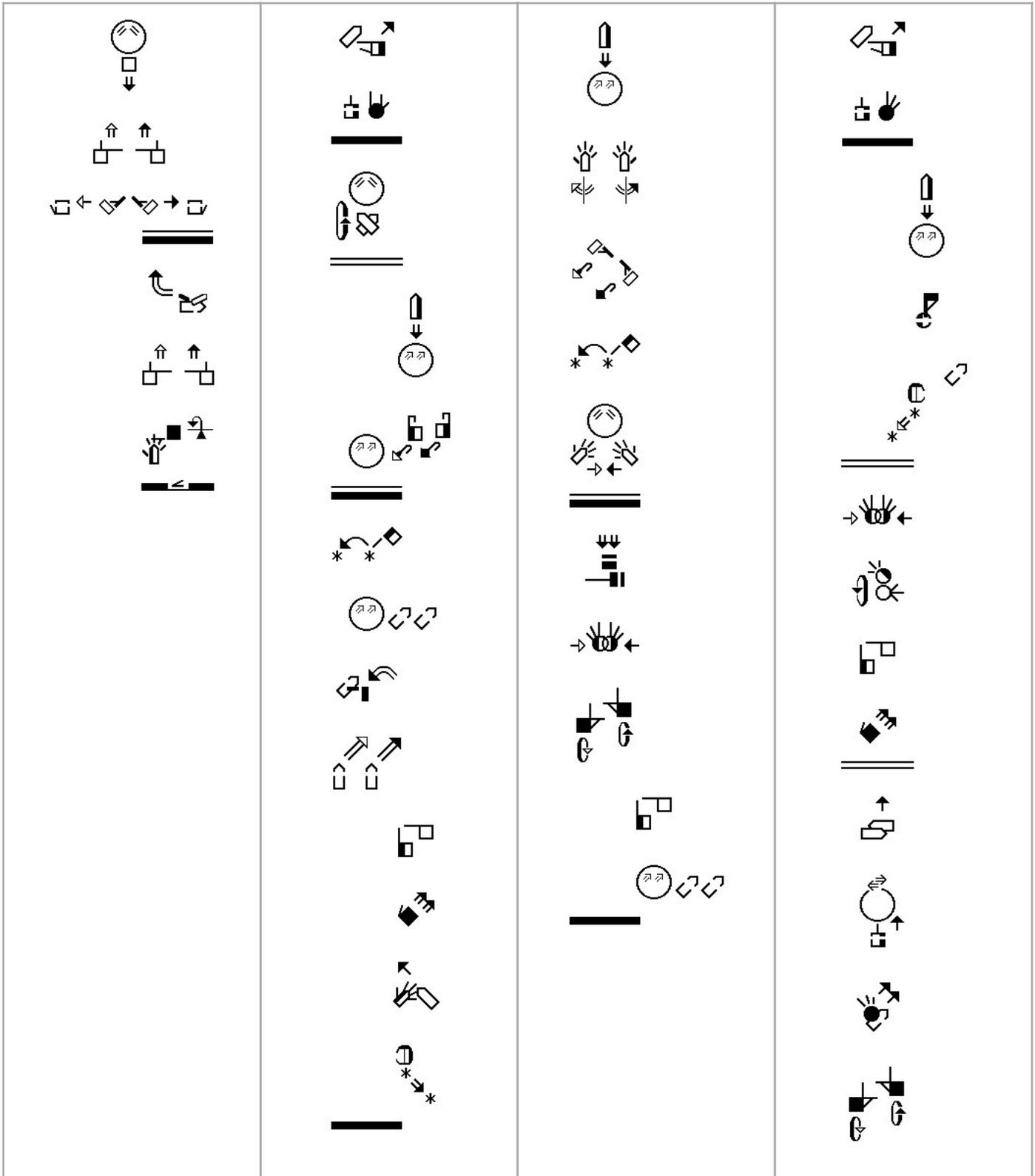
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Verse 11. Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too. Verse 12. Are we commending ourselves to you again? No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart. NLT

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510 will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. Verse 16. So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! Verse 17. This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. NLT



The old life is gone; a new life has begun! Verse 18. And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. Verse 19. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's

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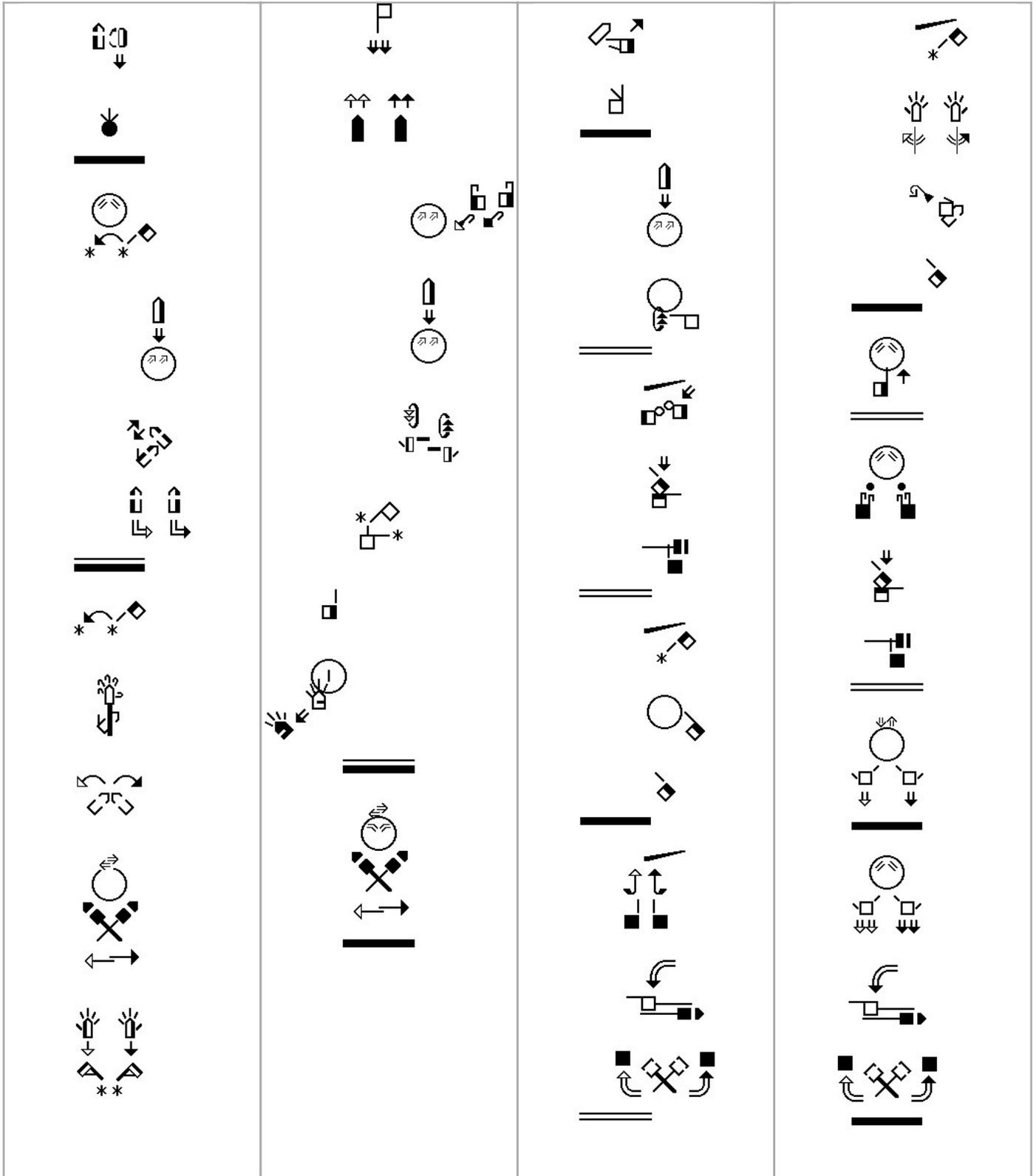
512 sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. Verse 20. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" Verse 21. For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering

			
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for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

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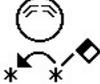
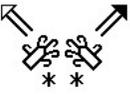


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Chapter 6. As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. Verse 2. For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

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Verse 5. We have been beaten, been put in prison, faced angry mobs, worked to exhaustion, endured sleepless nights, and gone without food. Verse 6. We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love. NLT

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Verse 7. We faithfully preach the truth. God's power is working in us. We use the weapons of righteousness in the right hand for attack and the left hand for defense. Verse 8. We serve God whether people honor us or despise us, whether they slander us or praise us. We are honest, but they call us impostors. NLT

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Verse 9. We are ignored, even though we are well known. We live close to death, but we are still alive. We have been beaten, but we have not been killed. Verse 10. Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything. NLT

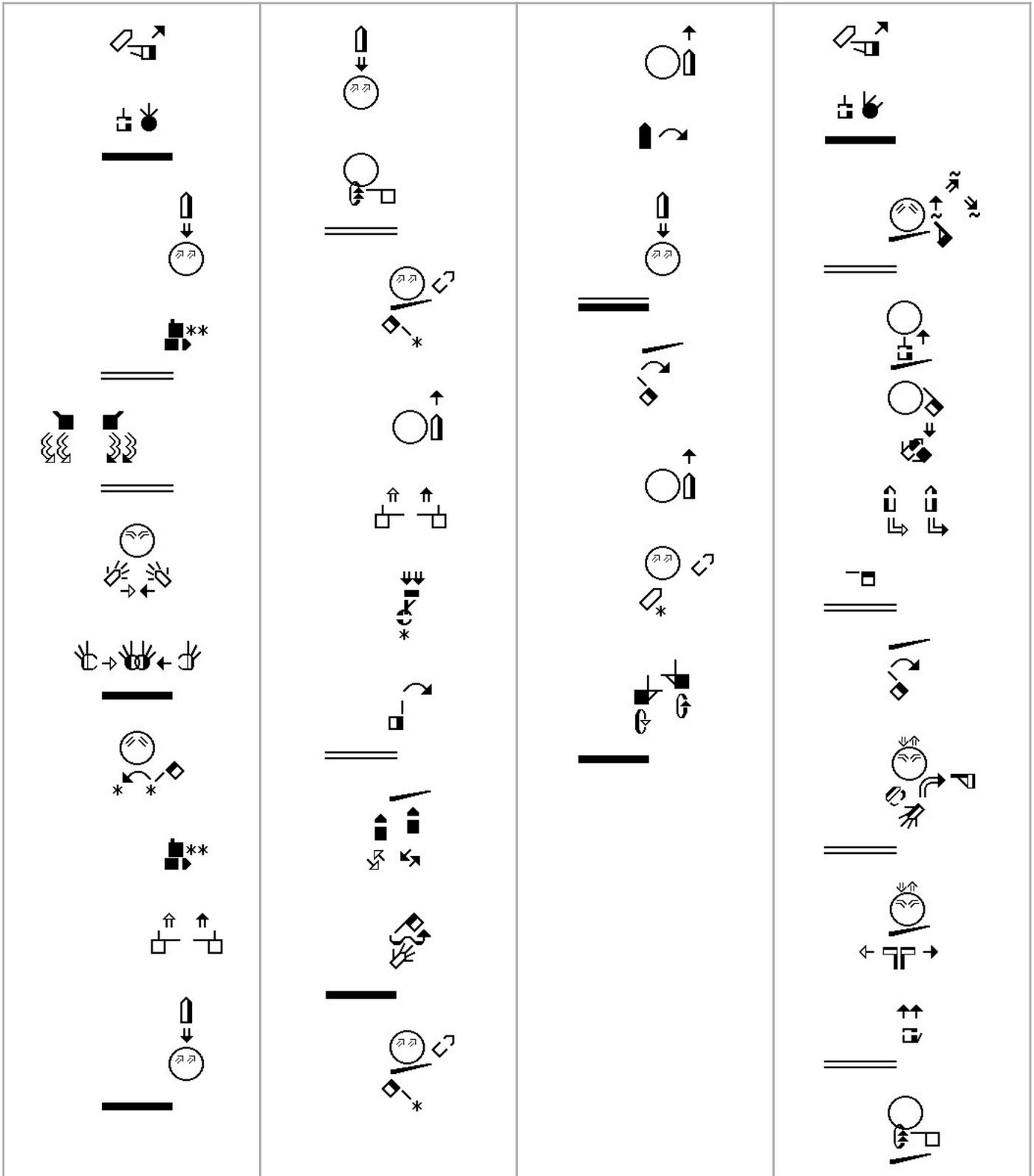
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Verse 14. Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? Verse 15. What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever?

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Verse 16. And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Verse 17. Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says

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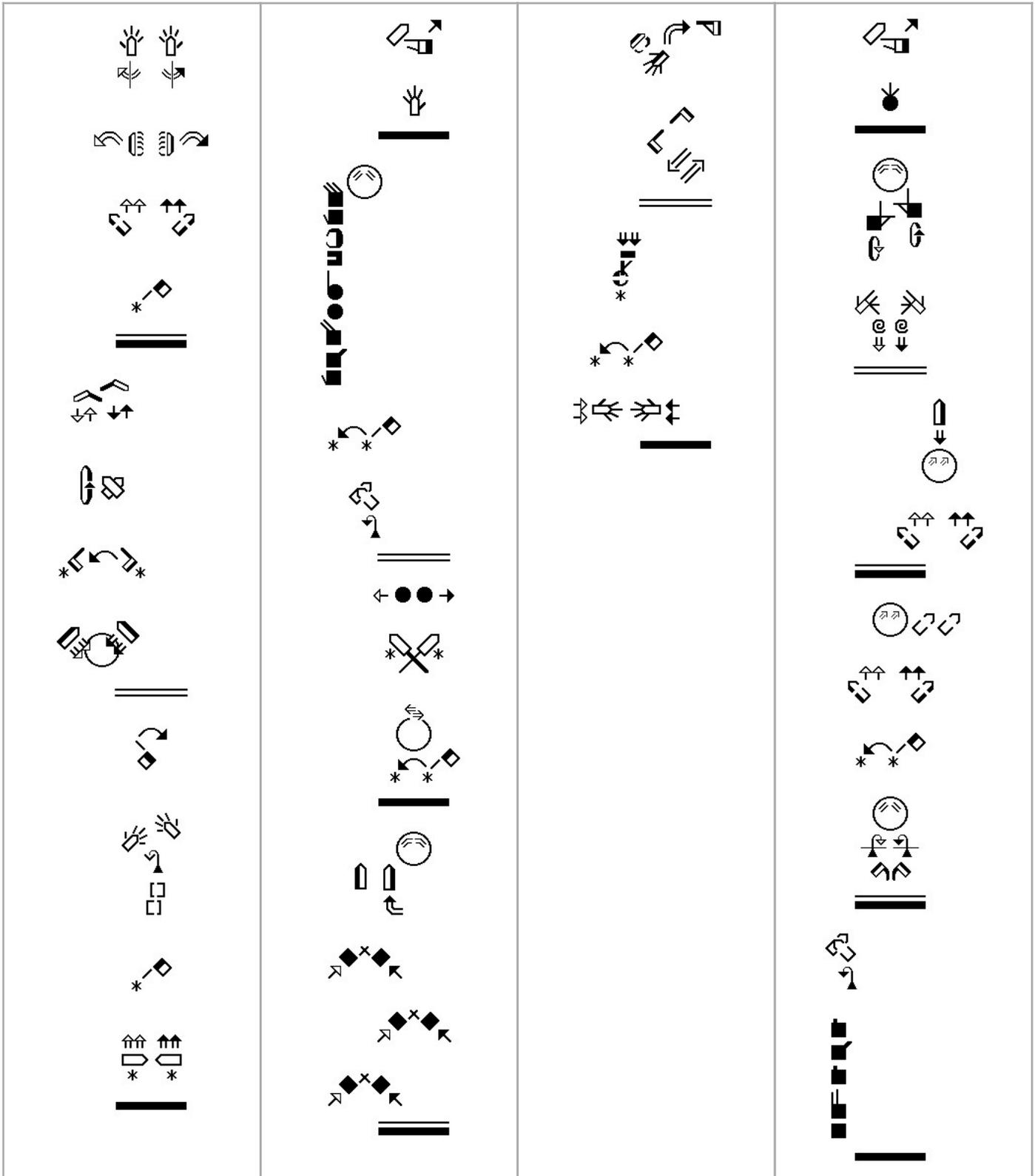
522 the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. Verse 18. And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." NLT

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nor led anyone astray, nor taken advantage of anyone. Verse 3. I'm not saying this to condemn you. I said before that you are in our hearts, and we live or die together with you. Verse 4. I have the highest confidence in you, and I take great pride in you. You NLT



have greatly encouraged me and made me happy despite all our troubles. Verse 5. When we arrived in Macedonia, there was no rest for us. We faced conflict from every direction, with battles on the outside and fear on the inside. Verse 6. But God, who encourages those who are discouraged, encouraged us by the arrival of Titus. NLT

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Verse 7. His presence was a joy, but so was the news he brought of the encouragement he received from you. When he told us how much you long to see me, and how sorry you are for what happened, and how loyal you are to me, I was filled with joy! Verse 8. I am not sorry that I sent that severe letter to you, NLT

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Verse 10. For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death. Verse 11. Just see what this godly sorrow produced in you!
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Such earnestness, such concern to clear yourselves, such indignation, such alarm, much longing to see me, such zeal, and such a readiness to punish wrong. You showed that you have done everything necessary to make things right. Verse 12. My purpose, then, was not to write about who did the wrong or who was wronged.

2 Corinthians 7:12-13

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I wrote to you so that in the sight of God you could see for yourselves how loyal you are to us. Verse 13. We have been greatly encouraged by this. In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was about the way all of you welcomed him and set his mind at ease. Verse 14. I had told him how proud I was of you -- and you didn't disappoint me. I

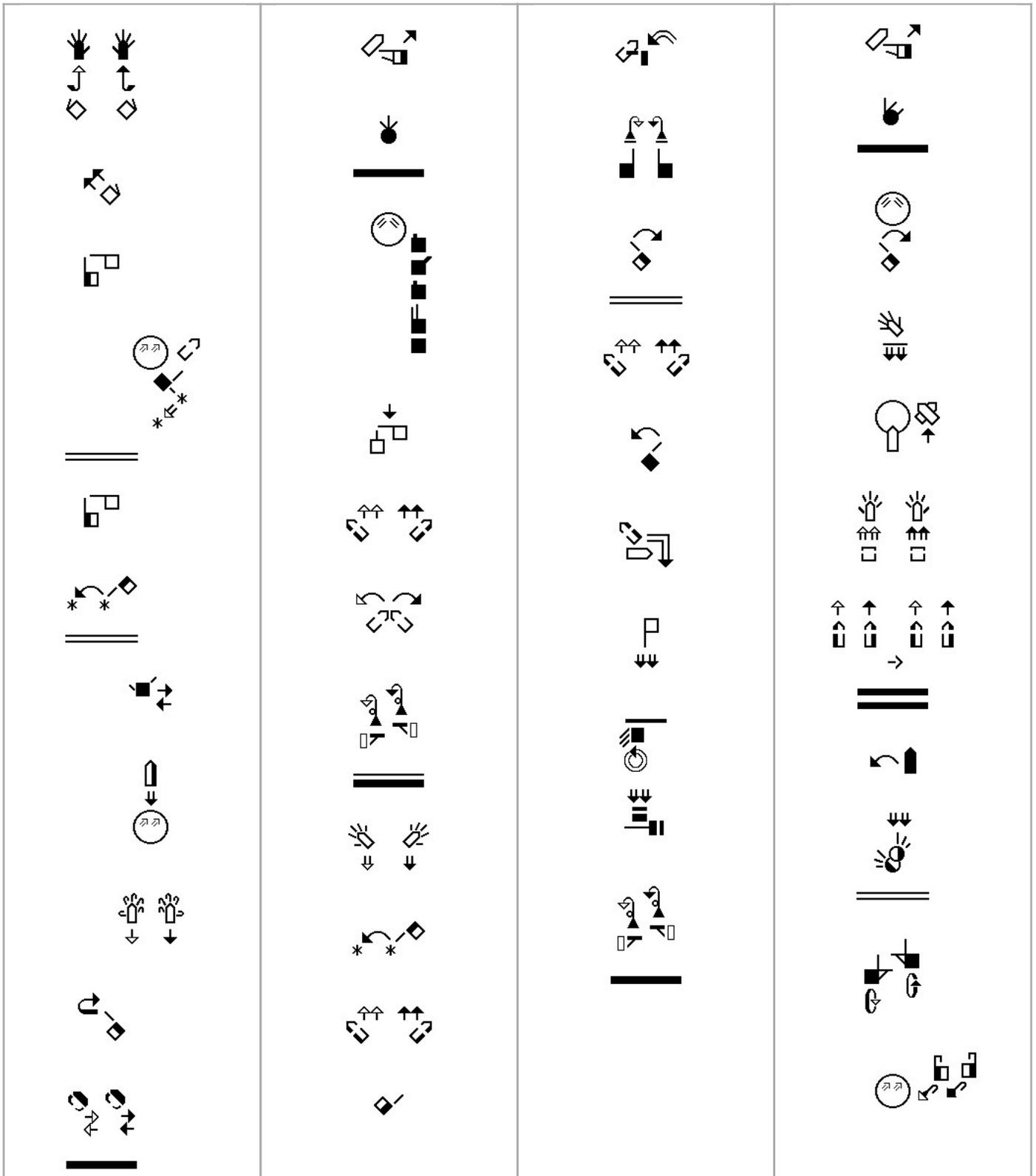
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Chapter 8. Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. Verse 2. They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. NLT

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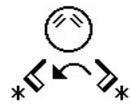
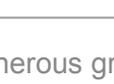
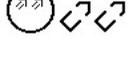


534 was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do. Verse 6. So we have urged Titus, who encouraged your giving in the first place, to return to you and encourage you to finish this ministry of giving. Verse 7. Since you excel in so many ways -- in your faith, your gifted

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speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us -- I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving. Verse 8. I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is by comparing it with the eagerness of the other churches.

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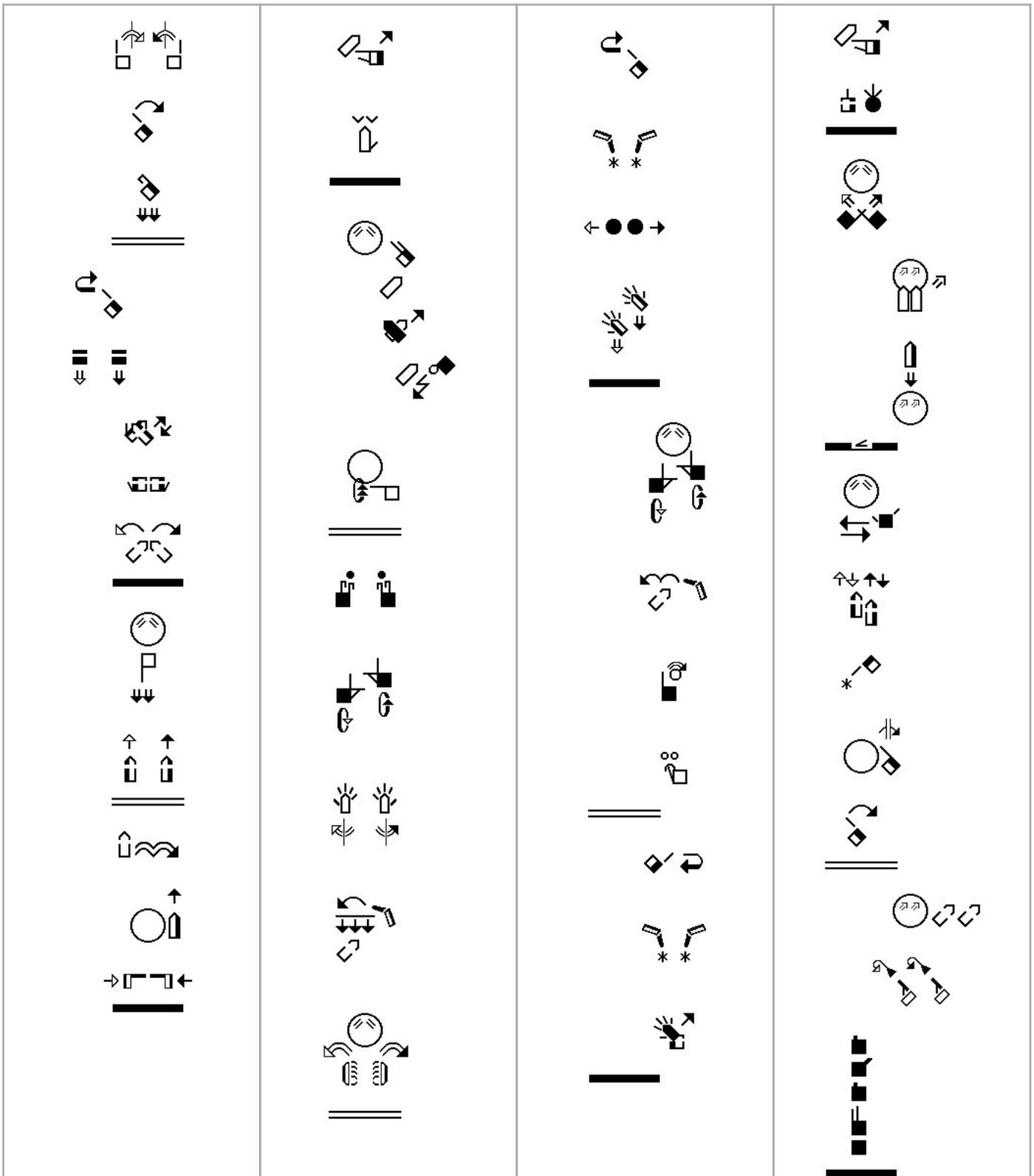
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Verse 9. You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. Verse 10. Here is my advice: It would be good for you to finish what you started a year ago. NLT

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Last year you were the first who wanted to give, and you were the first to begin doing it. Verse 11. Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. Verse 12. Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And

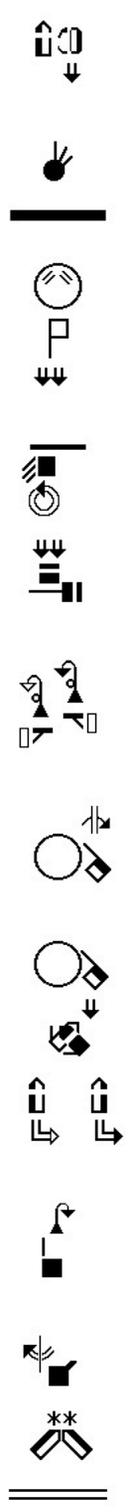
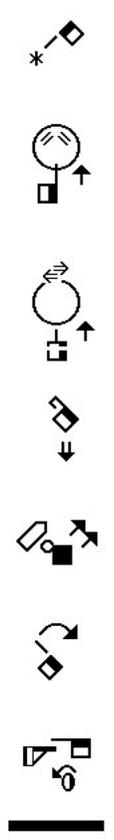
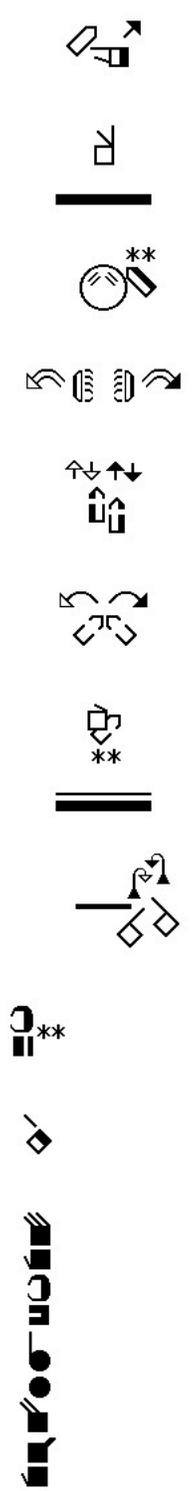
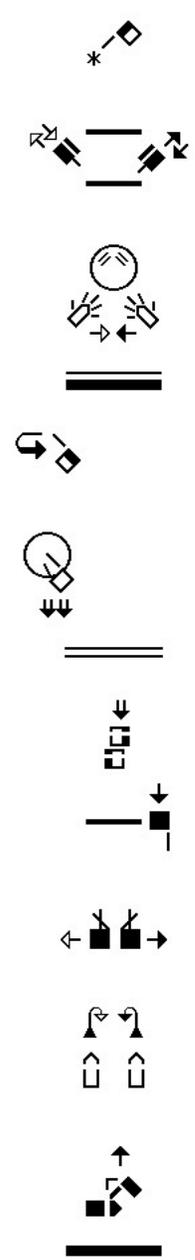


and can share with you when you need it. In this way, things will be equal. Verse 15. As the Scriptures say, "Those who gathered a lot had nothing left over, and those who gathered only a little had enough." Verse 16. But thank God! He has given Titus the same enthusiasm for you that I have.

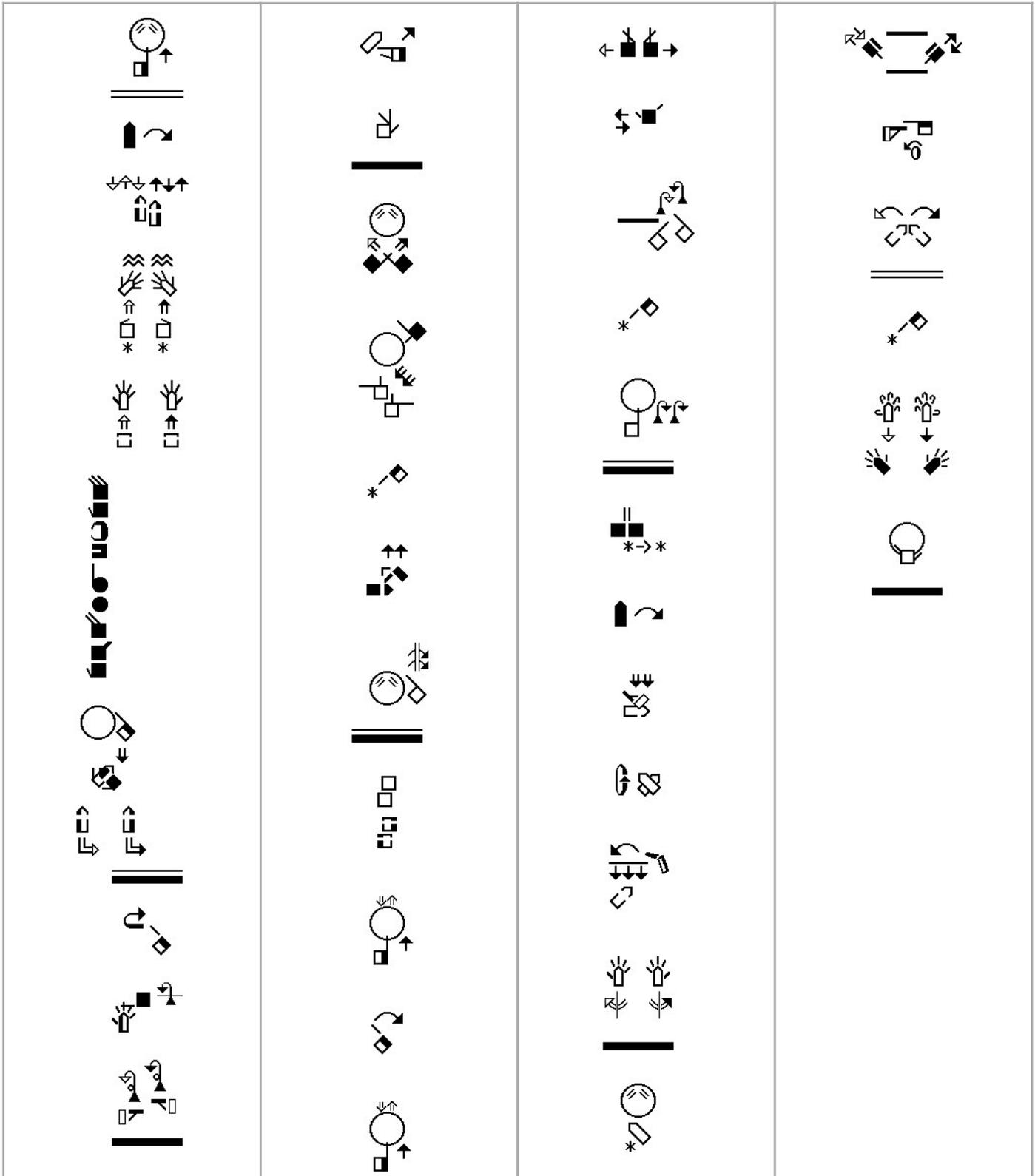
Verse 19. He was appointed by the churches to accompany us as we take the offering to Jerusalem -- a service that glorifies the Lord and shows our eagerness to help. Verse 20. We are traveling together to guard against any criticism for the way we are handling this generous gift.

Verse 23. If anyone asks about Titus, say that he is my partner who works with me to help you. And the brothers with him have been sent by the churches, and they bring honor to Christ. Verse 24. So show them your love, and prove to all the churches that our boasting about you is justified.

2 Corinthians 9:1-2

			
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Chapter 9. I really don't need to write to you about this ministry of giving for the believers in Jerusalem. Verse 2. For I know how eager you are to help, and I have been boasting to the churches in Macedonia that you in Greece were ready to send an offering a year ago.



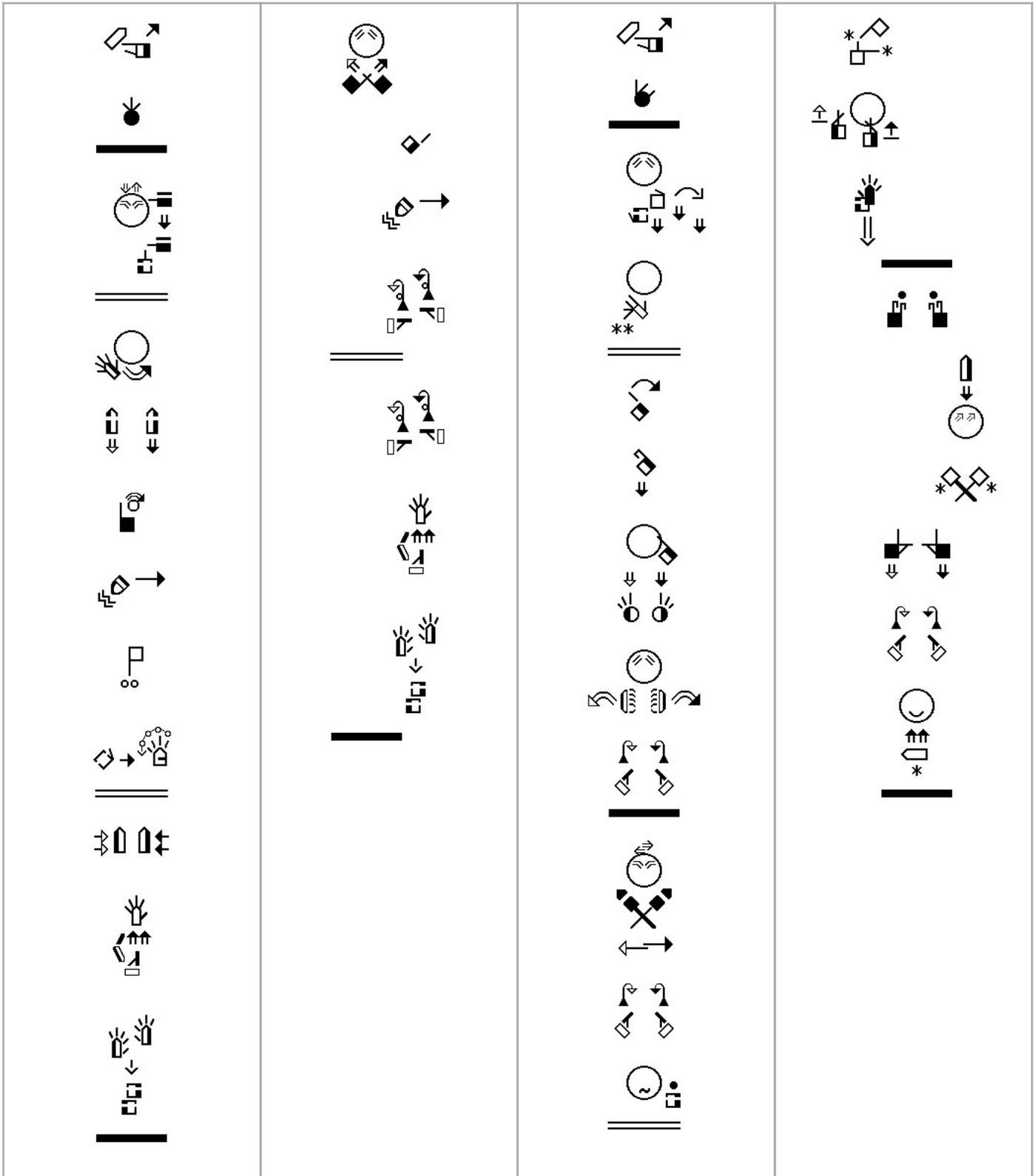
In fact, it was your enthusiasm that stirred up many of the Macedonian believers to begin giving. Verse 3. But I am sending these brothers to be sure you really are ready, as I have been telling them, and that your money is all collected. I don't want to be wrong in my boasting about you.

2 Corinthians 9:4-5

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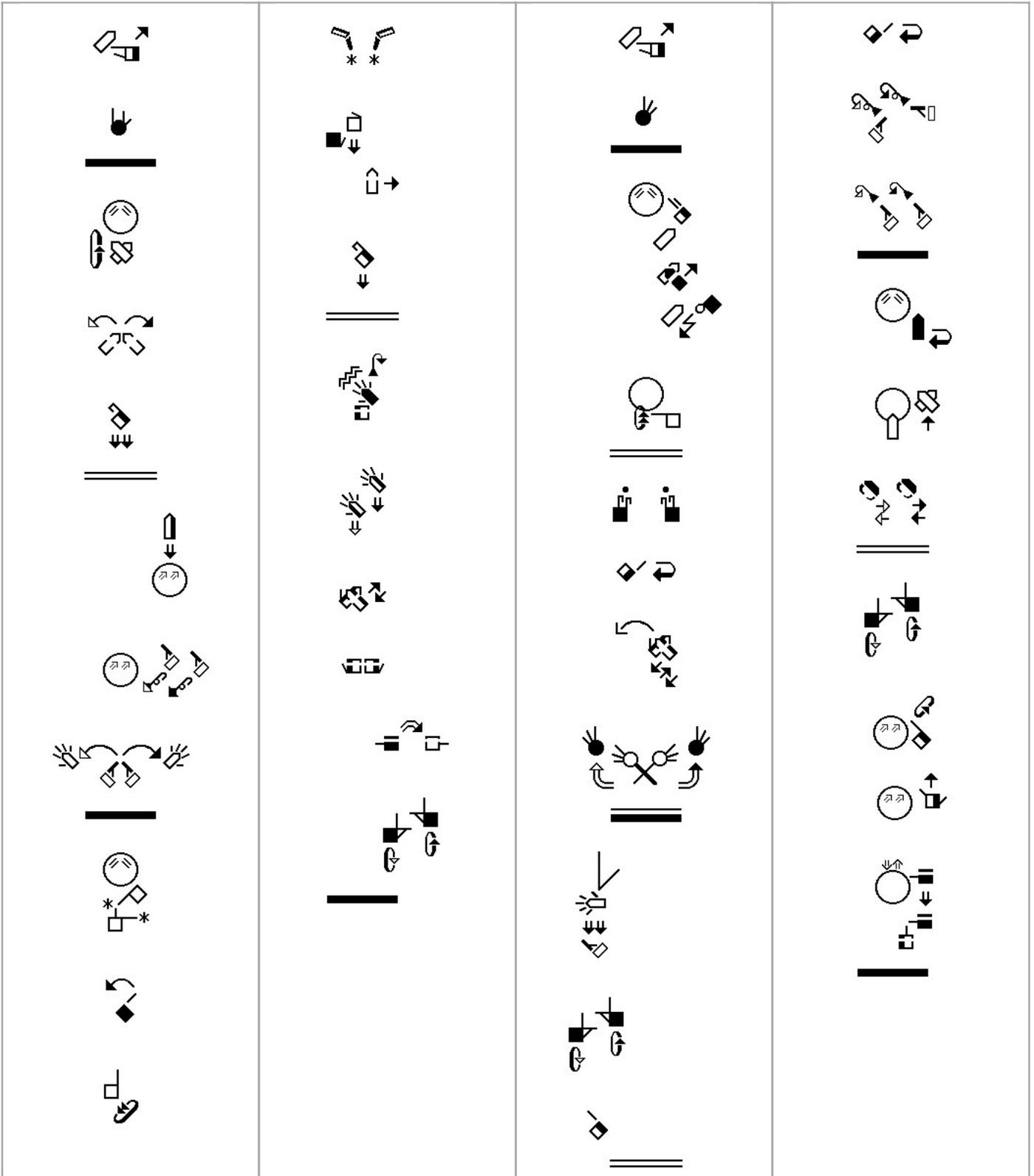
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Verse 4. We would be embarrassed -- not to mention your own embarrassment -- if some Macedonian believers came with me and found that you weren't ready after all I had told them! Verse 5. So I thought I should send these brothers ahead of me to make sure the gift you promised is ready. But I want it to be a willing gift, not one given grudgingly. NLT



Verse 6. Remember this -- a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. Verse 7. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."
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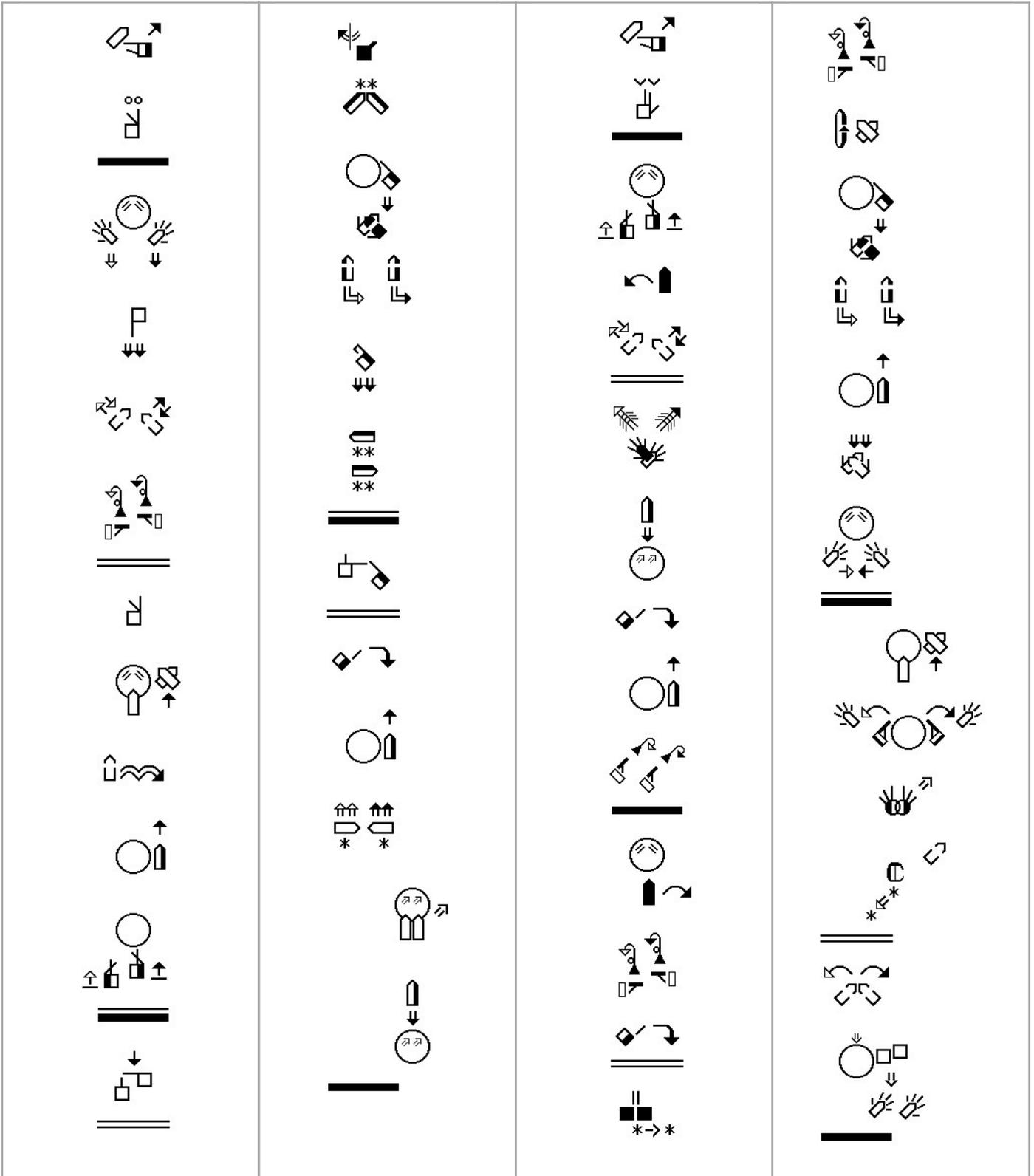
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Verse 8. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. Verse 9. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."
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2 Corinthians 9:12-13

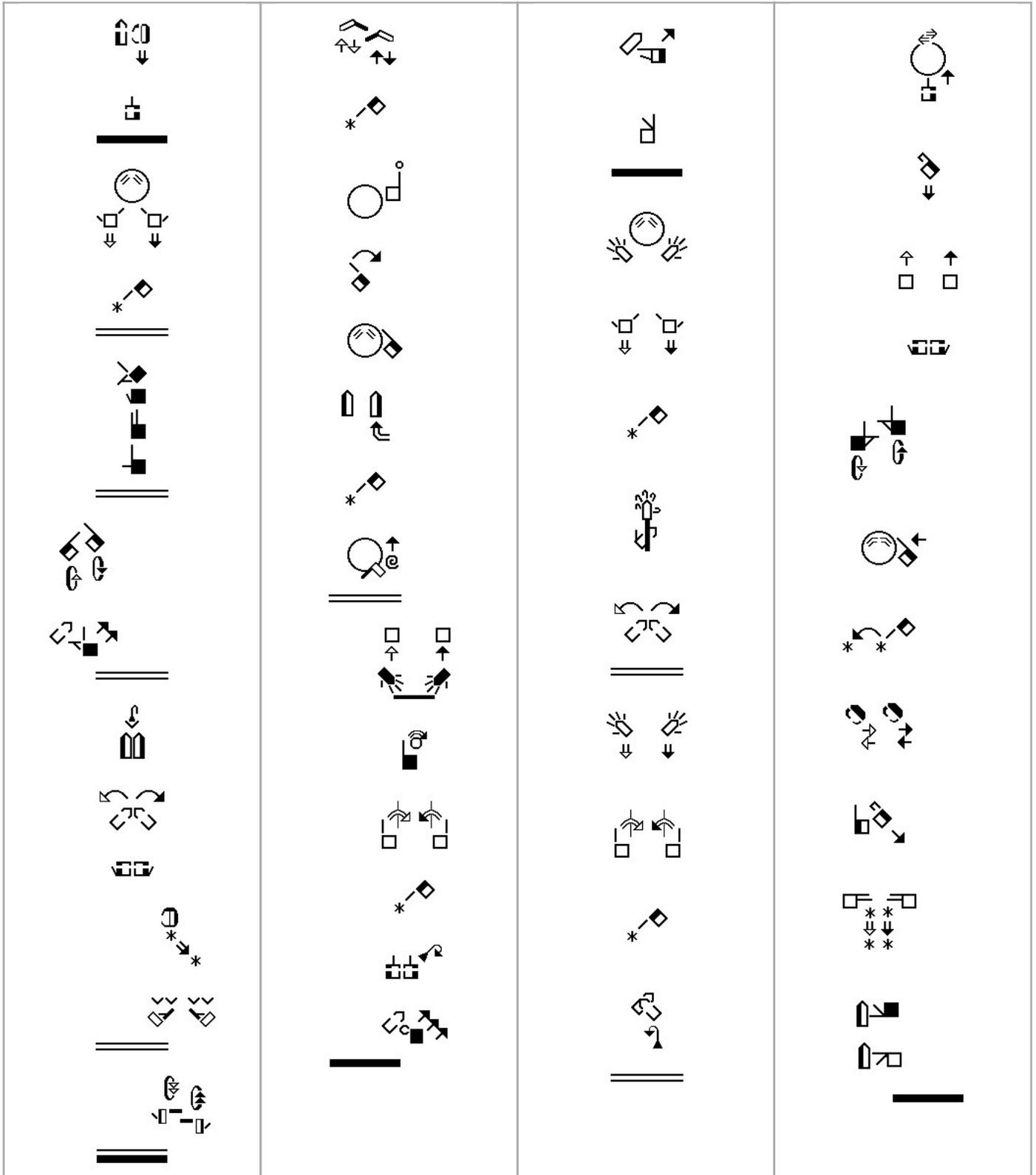


Verse 12. So two good things will result from this ministry of giving -- the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. Verse 13. As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.

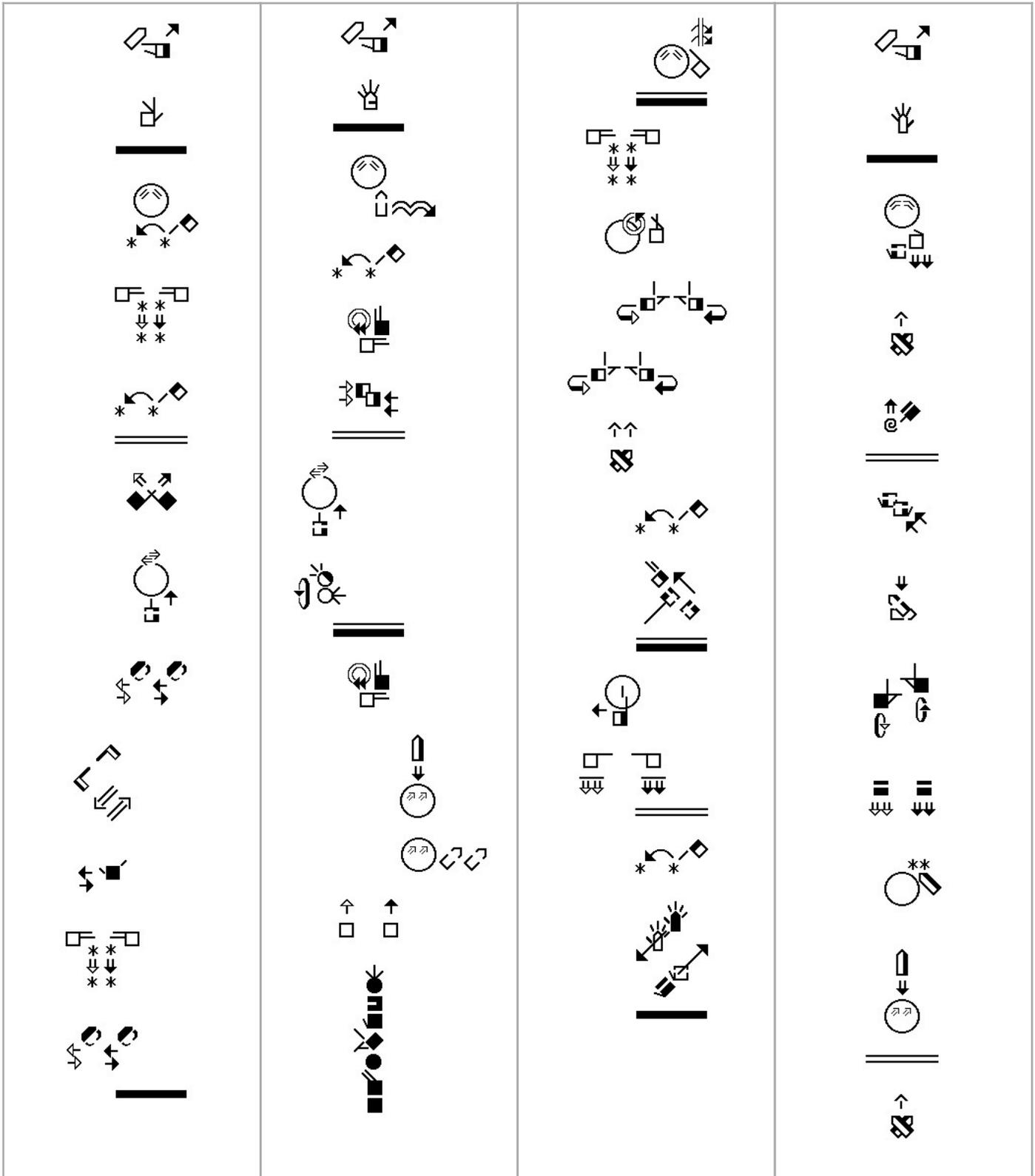
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Verse 14. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. Verse 15. Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words! NLT

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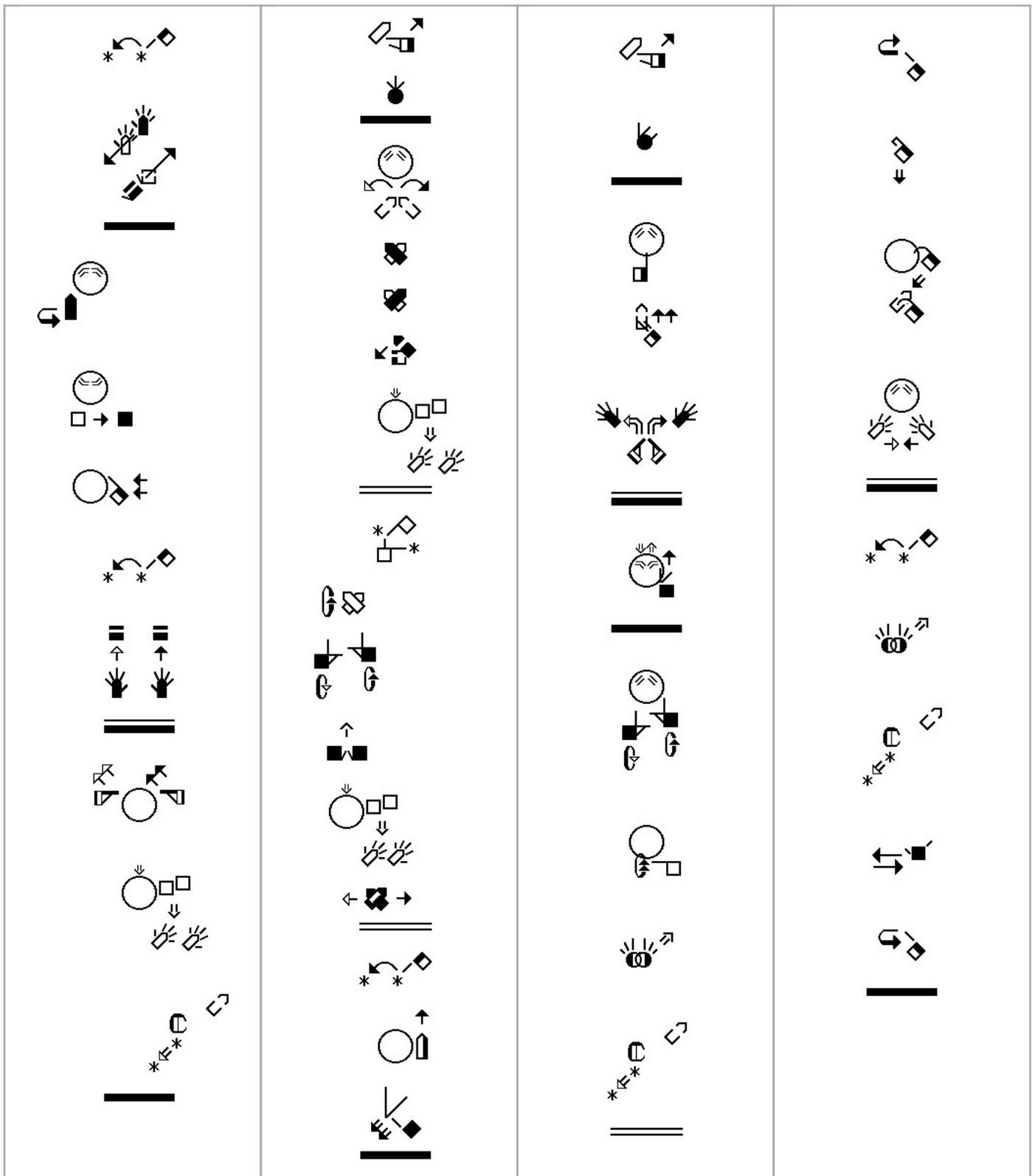


Chapter 10. Now I, Paul, appeal to you with the gentleness and kindness of Christ -- though I realize you think I am timid in person and bold only when I write from far away. Verse 2. Well, I am begging you now so that when I come I won't have to be bold with those who think we act from human motives. NLT

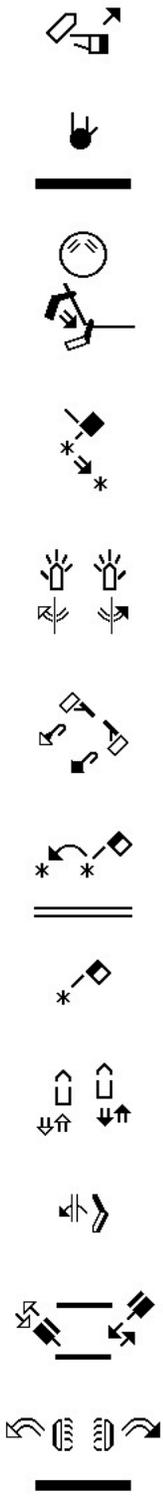
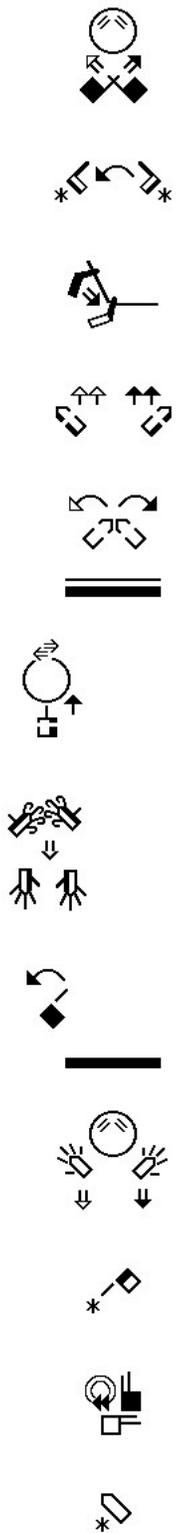
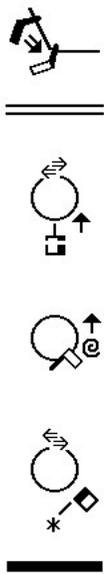
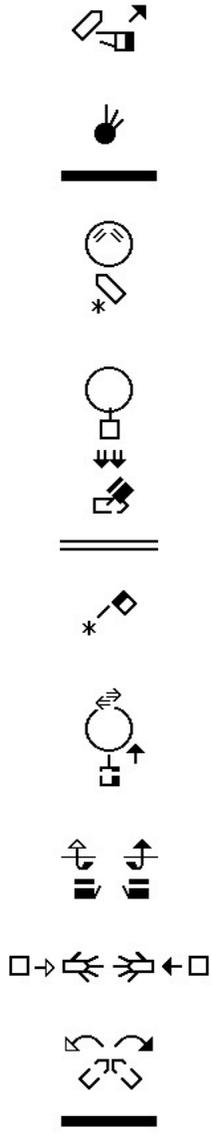
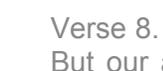
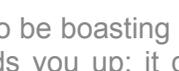
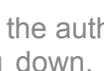


Verse 3. We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. Verse 4. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. Verse 5. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God.

2 Corinthians 10:5-7

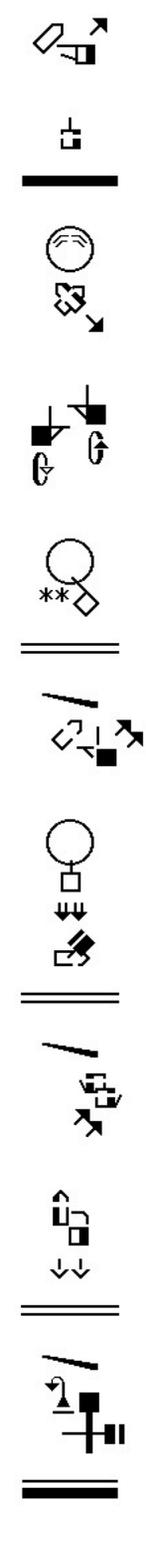
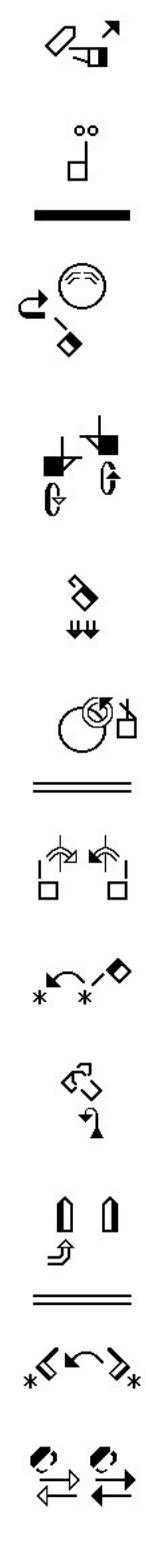
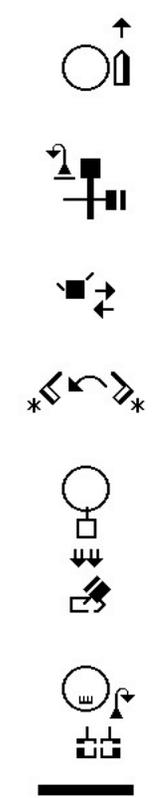
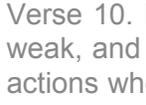
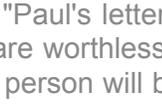
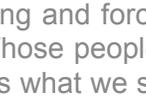
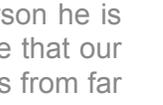


554 We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. Verse 6. And after you have become fully obedient, we will punish everyone who remains disobedient. Verse 7. Look at the obvious facts. Those who say they belong to Christ must recognize that we belong to Christ as much as they do. NLT

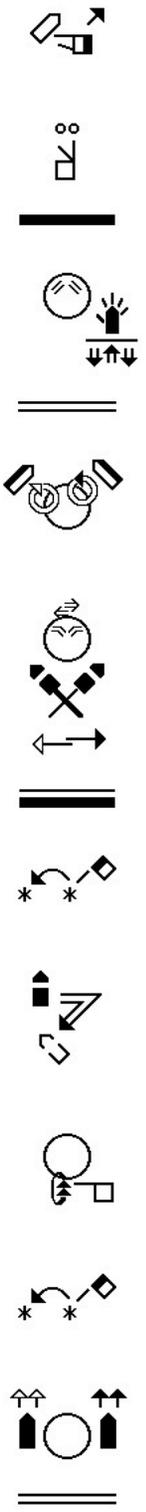
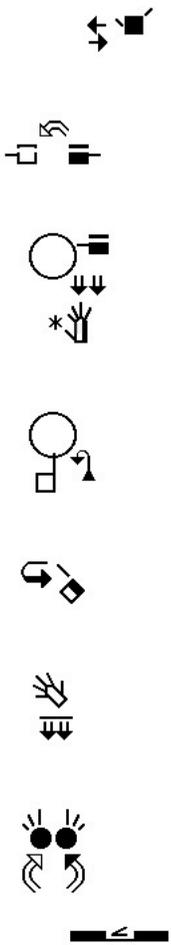
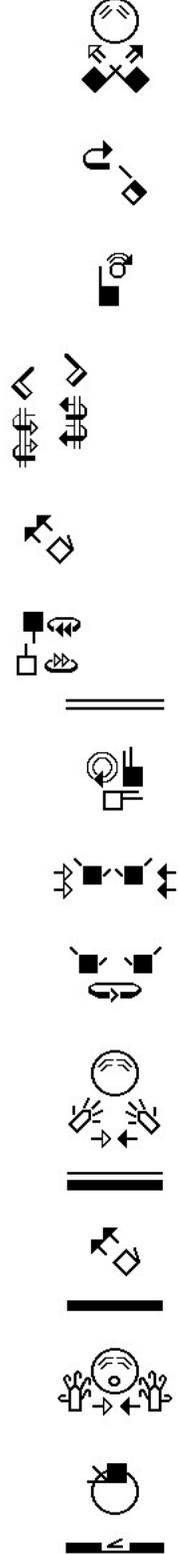
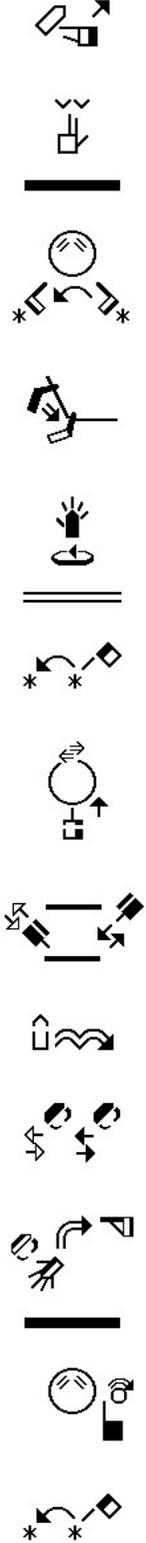
Verse 8. I may seem to be boasting too much about the authority given to us by the Lord. But our authority builds you up; it doesn't tear you down. So I will not be ashamed of using my authority. Verse 9. I'm not trying to frighten you by my letters. NLT

2 Corinthians 10:10-11

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Verse 10. For some say, "Paul's letters are demanding and forceful, but in person he is weak, and his speeches are worthless!" Verse 11. Those people should realize that our actions when we arrive in person will be as forceful as what we say in our letters from far away.

			
<p>Verse 12. Oh, don't worry; we wouldn't dare say that we are as wonderful as these other men who tell you how important they are! But they are only comparing themselves with each other, using themselves as the standard of measurement. How ignorant! Verse 13. We will not boast about things done outside our area of authority. We</p>			

2 Corinthians 10:13-14

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558 will boast only about what has happened within the boundaries of the work God has given us, which includes our working with you. Verse 14. We are not reaching beyond these boundaries when we claim authority over you, as if we had never visited you. For we were the first to travel

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all the way to Corinth with the Good News of Christ. Verse 15. Nor do we boast and claim credit for the work someone else has done. Instead, we hope that your faith will grow so that the boundaries of our work among you will be extended. Verse 16. Then we will be able to go and preach the Good News in other places

2 Corinthians 10:16-17

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560 far beyond you, where no one else is working. Then there will be no question of our boasting about work done in someone else's territory. Verse 17. As the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the LORD." NLT

2 Corinthians 11:1-3

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Chapter 11. I hope you will put up with a little more of my foolishness. Please bear with me. Verse 2. For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband -- Christ. Verse 3. But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be

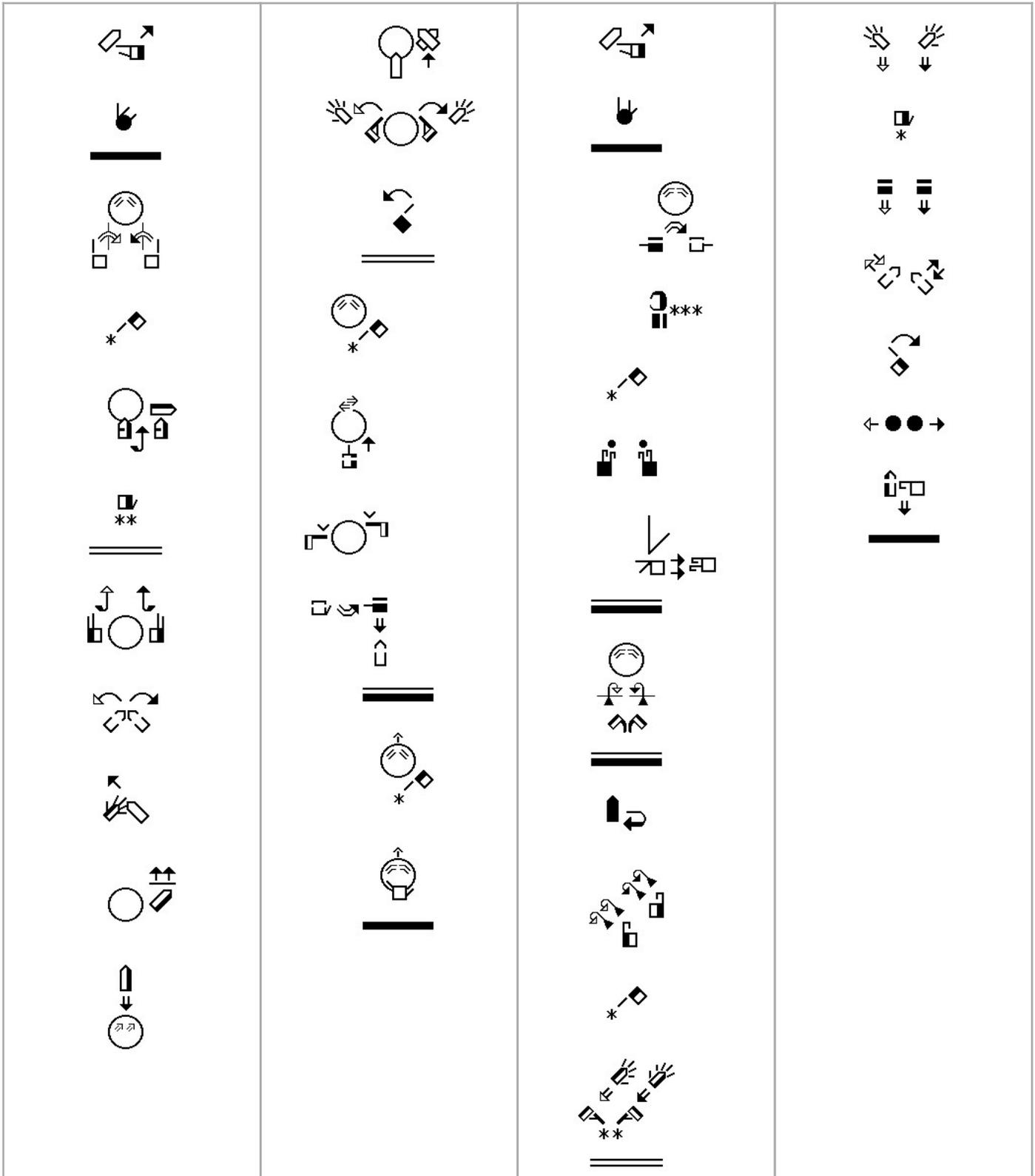
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corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. Verse 4. You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind

2 Corinthians 11:4-6

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564 of gospel than the one you believed. Verse 5. But I don't consider myself inferior in any way to these "super apostles" who teach such things. Verse 6. I may be unskilled as a speaker, but I'm not lacking in knowledge. We have made this clear to you in every possible way. NLT



Verse 7. Was I wrong when I humbled myself and honored you by preaching God's Good News to you without expecting anything in return? Verse 8. I "robbed" other churches by accepting their contributions so I could serve you at no cost.

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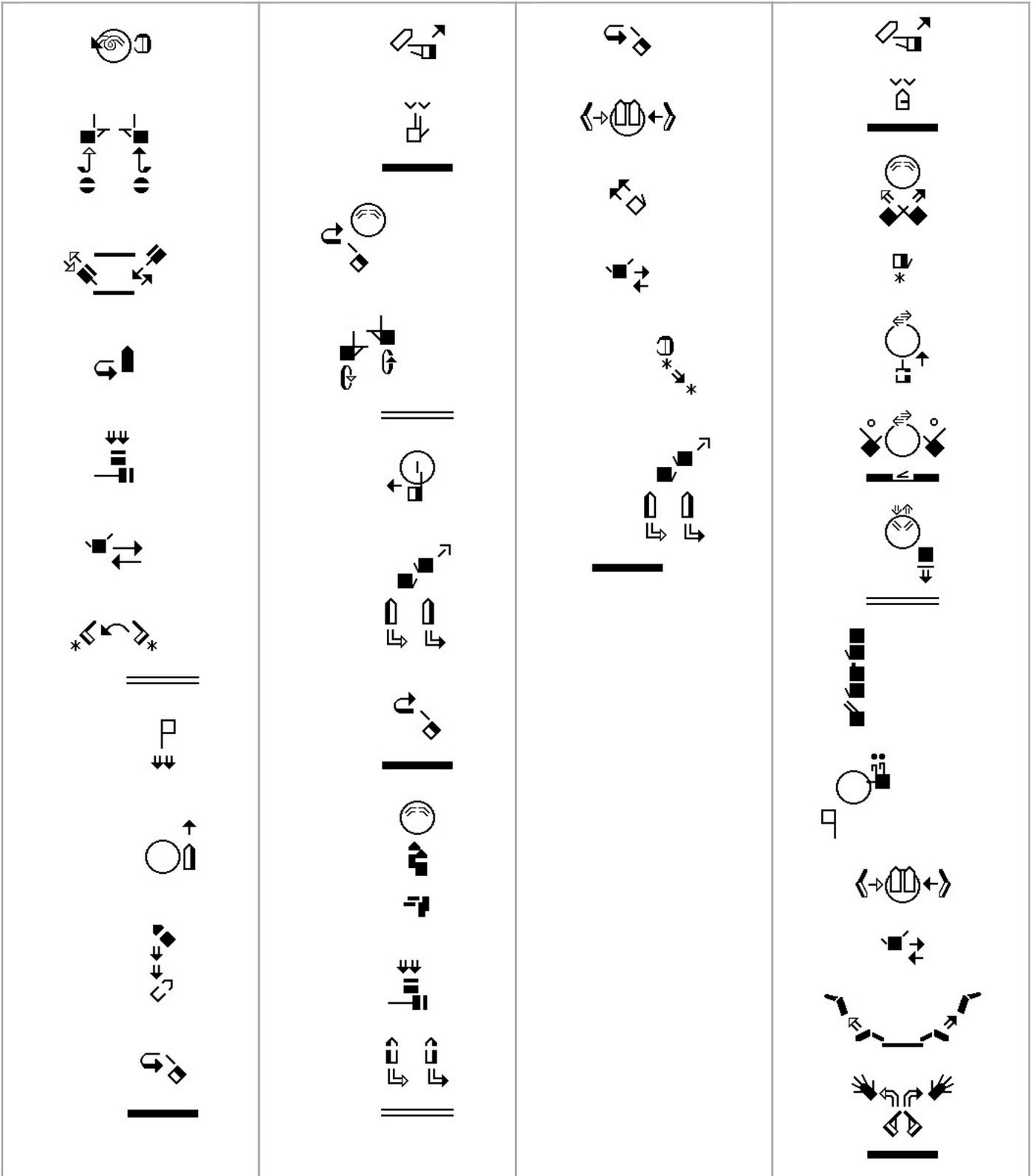
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566 Verse 9. And when I was with you and didn't have enough to live on, I did not become a financial burden to anyone. For the brothers who came from Macedonia brought me all that I needed. I have never been a burden to you, and I never will be. NLT

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Verse 10. As surely as the truth of Christ is in me, no one in all of Greece will ever stop me from boasting about this. Verse 11. Why? Because I don't love you? God knows that I do. Verse 12. But I will continue doing what I have always done.

2 Corinthians 11:12-14



568 This will undercut those who are looking for an opportunity to boast that their work is just like ours. Verse 13. These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. Verse 14. But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. NLT

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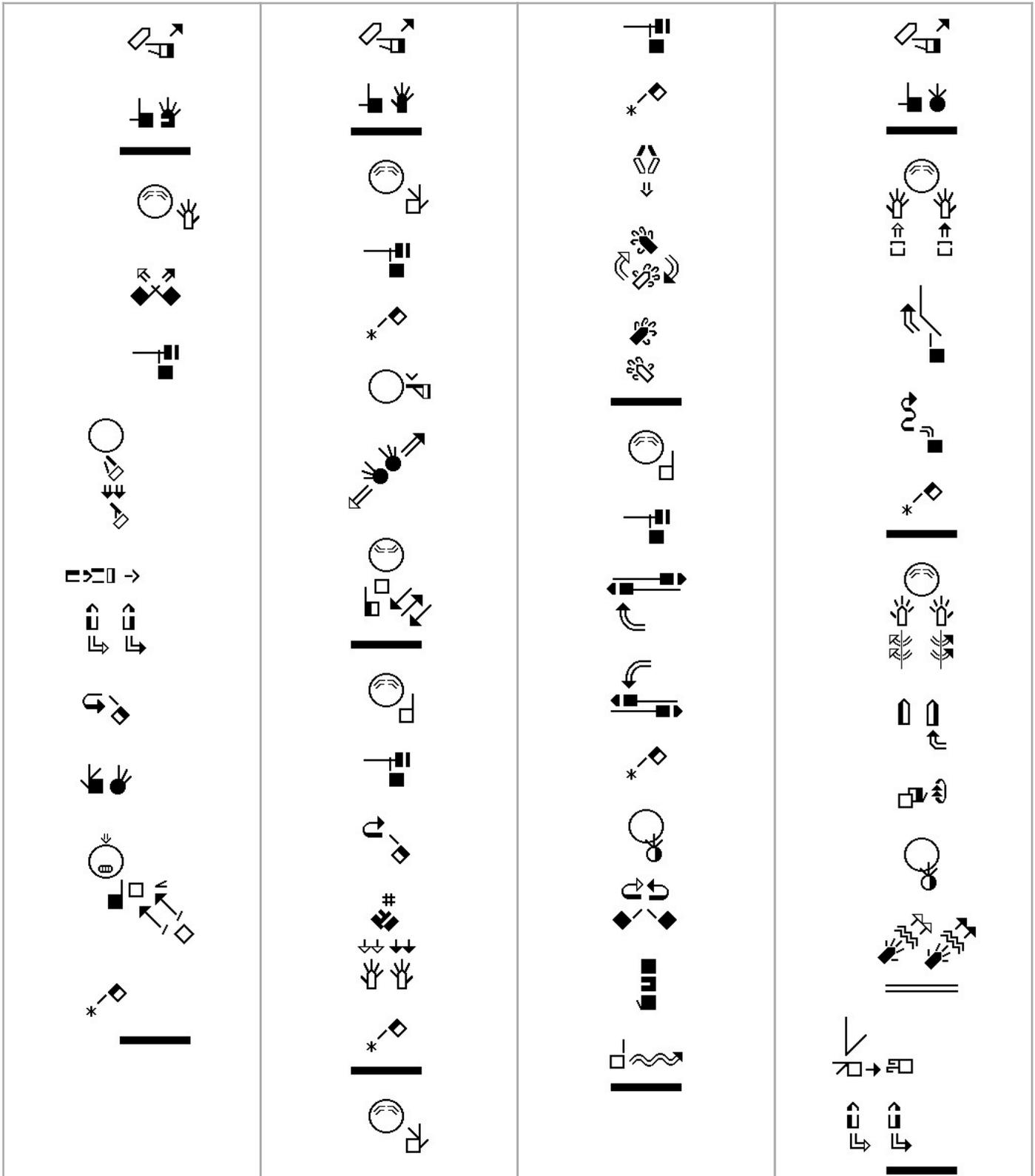
Verse 15. So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve. Verse 16. Again I say, don't think that I am a fool to talk like this. But even if you do, listen to me, as you would to a foolish person, while I also boast a little.

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takes everything you have, takes advantage of you, takes control of everything, and slaps you in the face. Verse 21. I'm ashamed to say that we've been too "weak" to do that! But whatever they dare to boast about -- I'm talking like a fool again -- I dare to boast about it, too. Verse 22. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I.

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Verse 24. Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. Verse 25. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. Verse 26. I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers.

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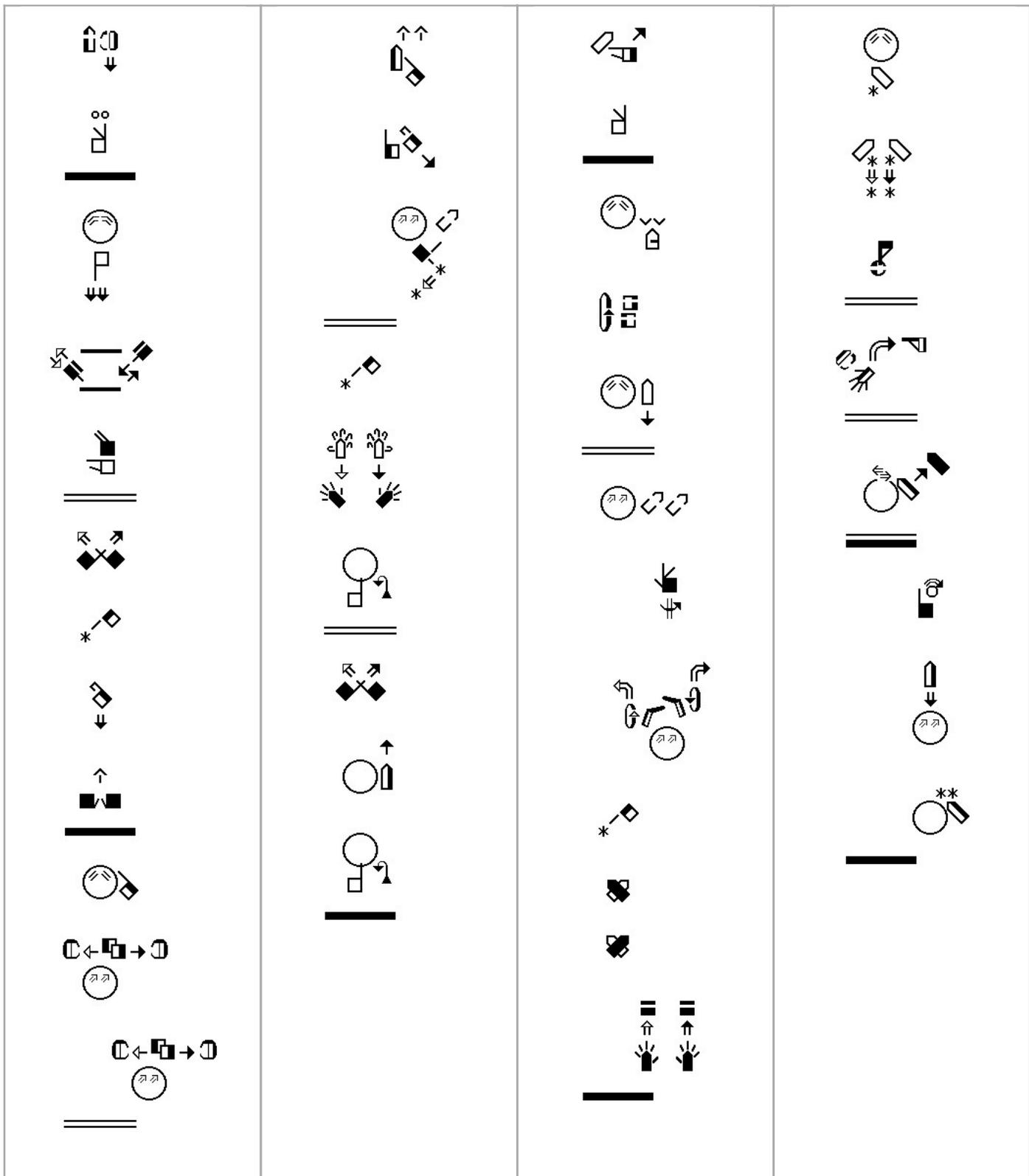
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have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. Verse 28. Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches. Verse 29. Who is weak without my feeling that weakness? Who is led astray, and I do not burn with anger? NLT

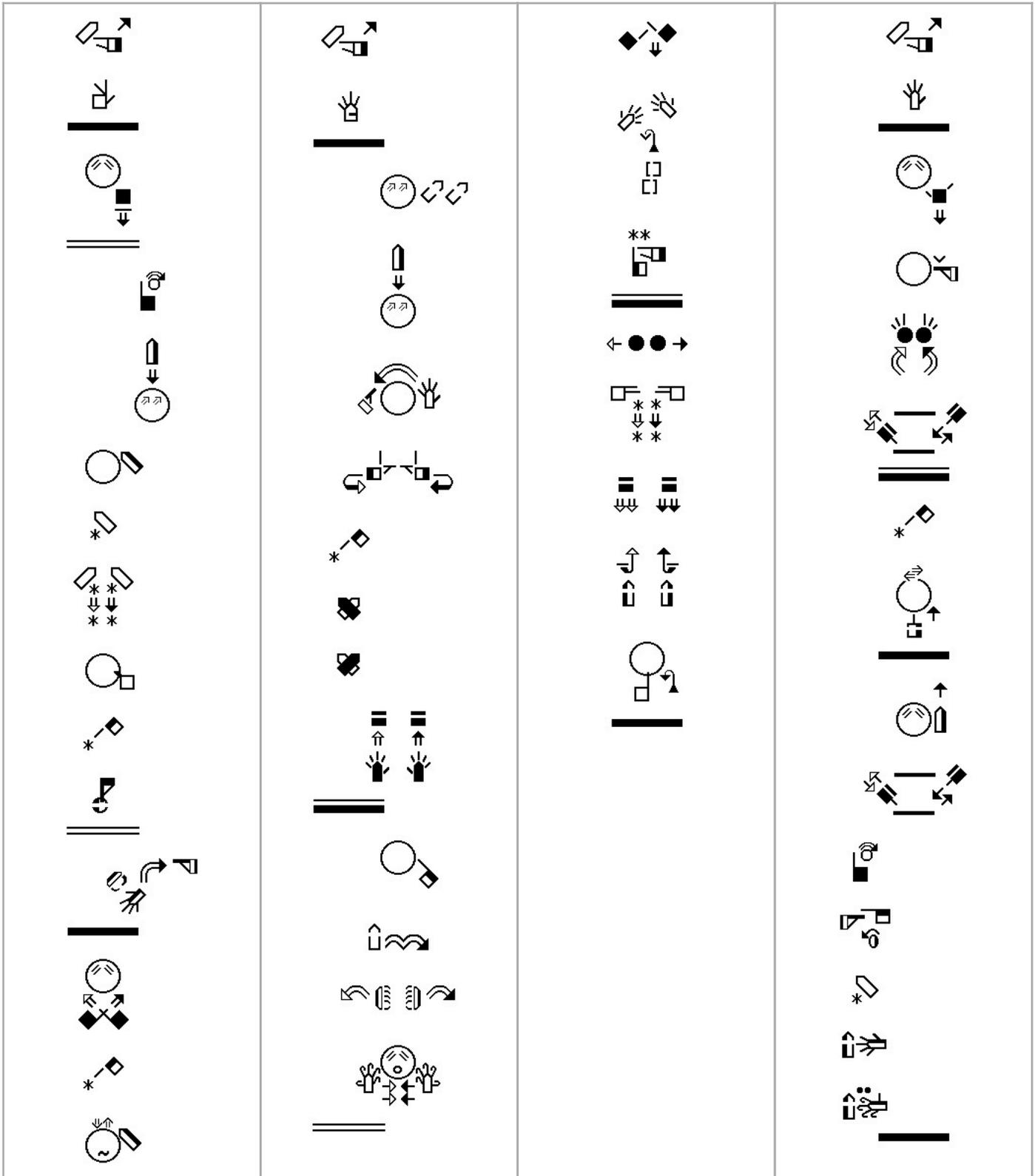
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kept guards at the city gates to catch me. Verse 33. I had to be lowered in a basket through a window in the city wall to escape from him.

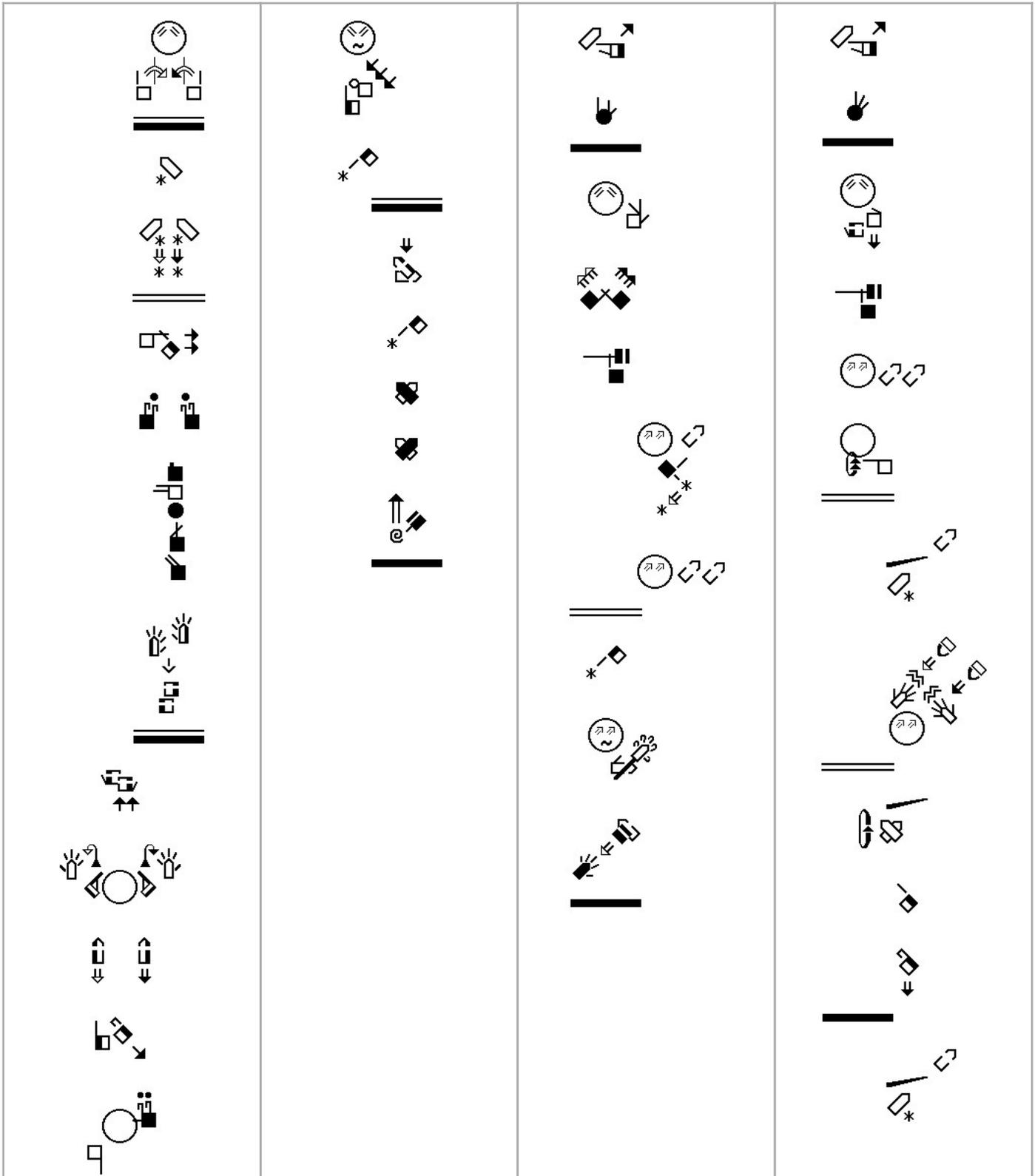
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Chapter 12. This boasting will do no good, but I must go on. I will reluctantly tell about visions and revelations from the Lord. Verse 2. I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don't know -- only God knows.



Verse 3. Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know Verse 4. that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell. Verse 5. That experience is worth boasting about, but I'm not going to do it. I will boast only about my weaknesses.



I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Verse 8. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Verse 9. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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582 power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. Verse 10. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. NLT

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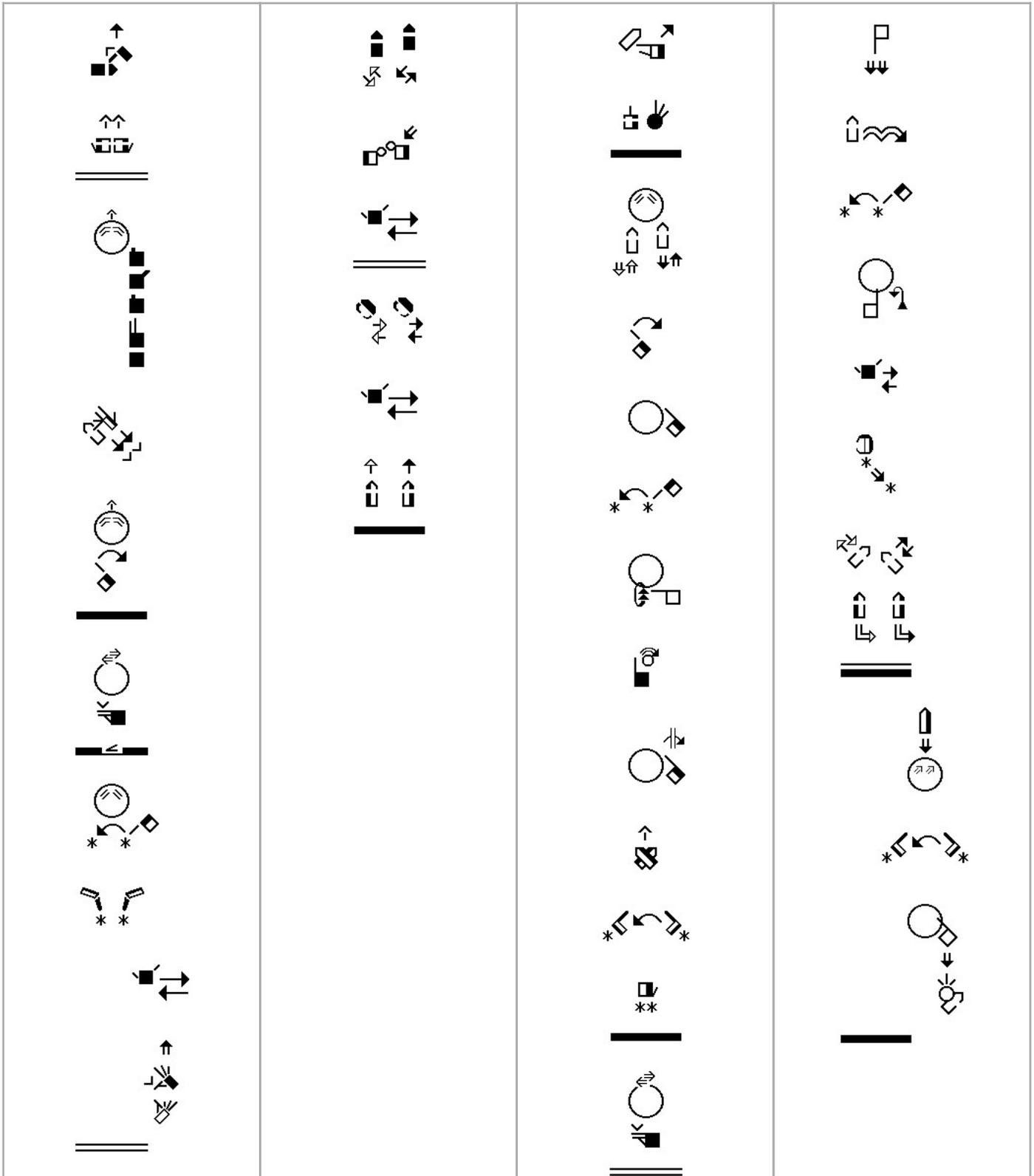
For I patiently did many signs and wonders and miracles among you. Verse 13. The only thing I failed to do, which I do in the other churches, was to become a financial burden to you. Please forgive me for this wrong! Verse 14. Now I am coming to you for the third time, and I will not be a burden to you. NLT

2 Corinthians 12:16-18

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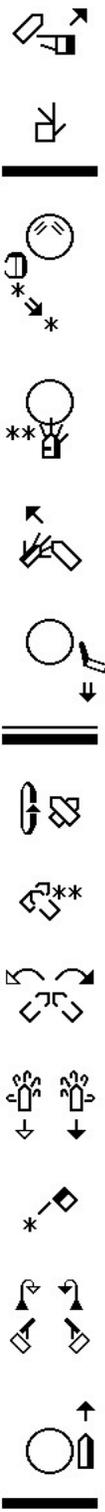
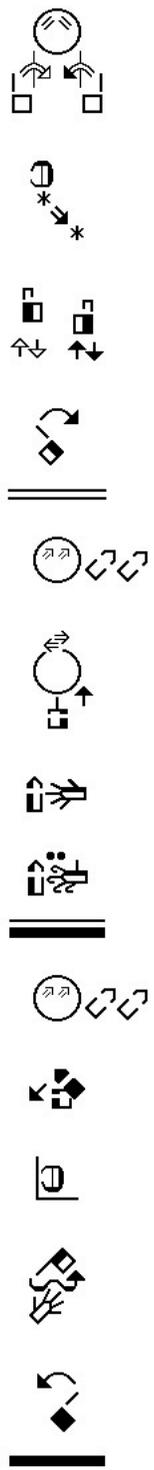
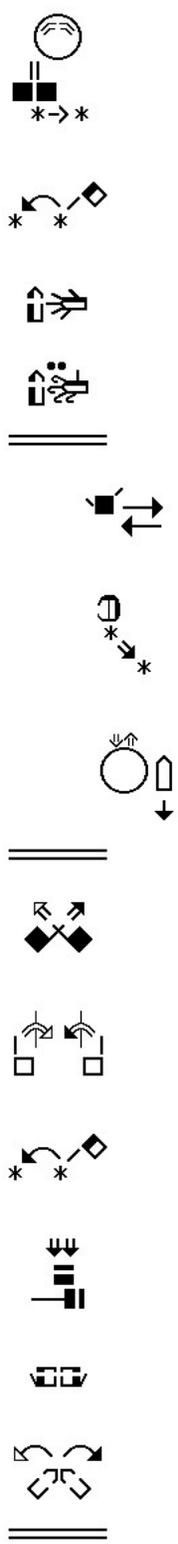
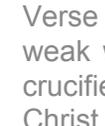
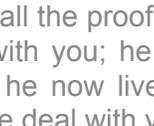
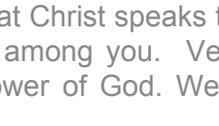
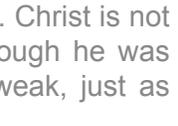
Verse 16. Some of you admit I was not a burden to you. But others still think I was sneaky and took advantage of you by trickery. Verse 17. But how? Did any of the men I sent to you take advantage of you? Verse 18. When I urged Titus to visit you and NLT



sent our other brother with him, did Titus take advantage of you? No! For we have the same spirit and walk in each other's steps, doing things the same way. Verse 19. Perhaps you think we're saying these things just to defend ourselves. No, we tell you this as Christ's servants, and with God as our witness.

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Verse 21. Yes, I am afraid that when I come again, God will humble me in your presence. And I will be grieved because many of you have not given up your old sins. You have not repented of your impurity, sexual immorality, and eagerness for lustful pleasure. NLT

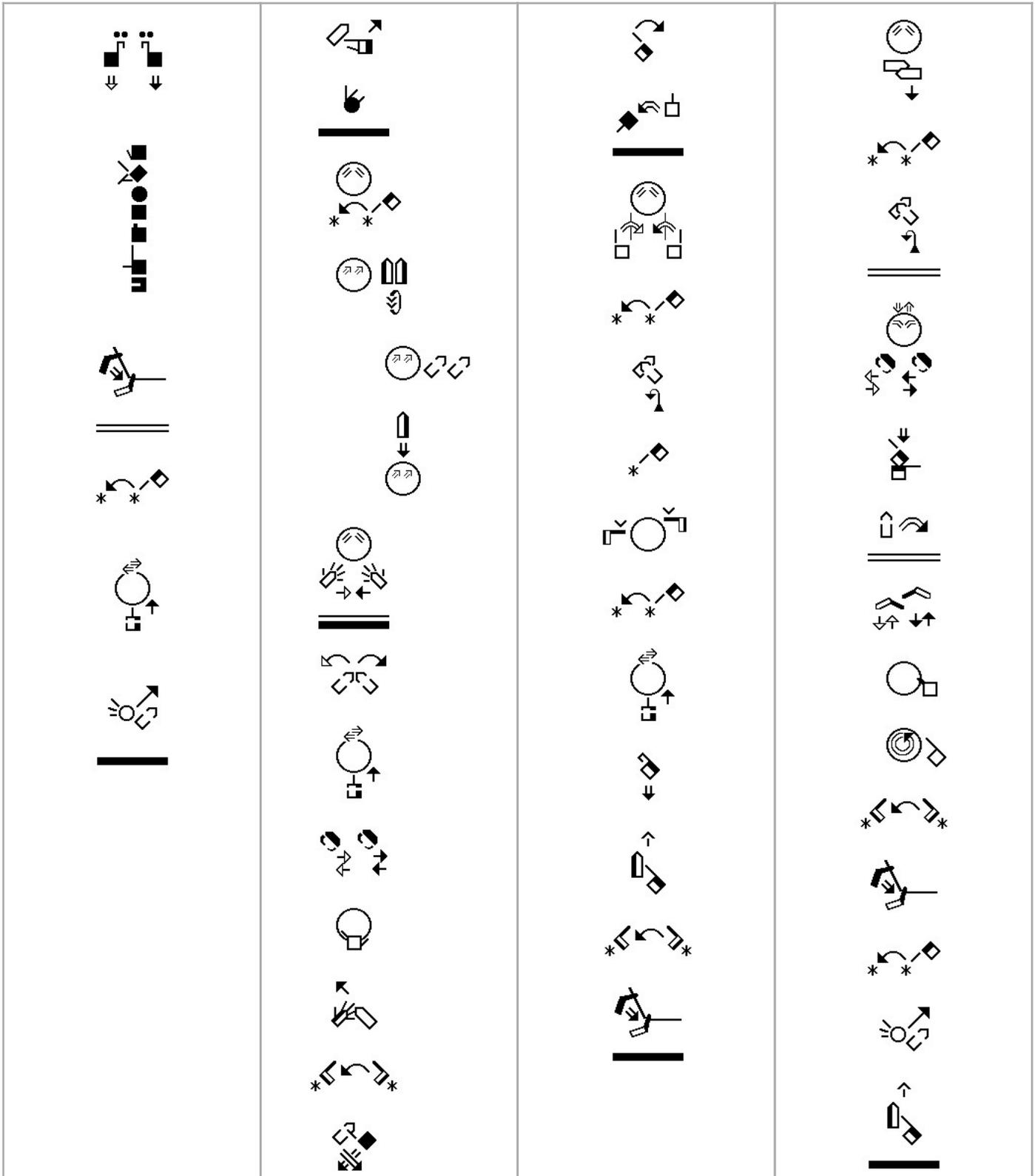
			
			

Verse 3. I will give you all the proof you want that Christ speaks through me. Christ is not weak when he deals with you; he is powerful among you. Verse 4. Although he was crucified in weakness, he now lives by the power of God. We, too, are weak, just as Christ was, but when we deal with you

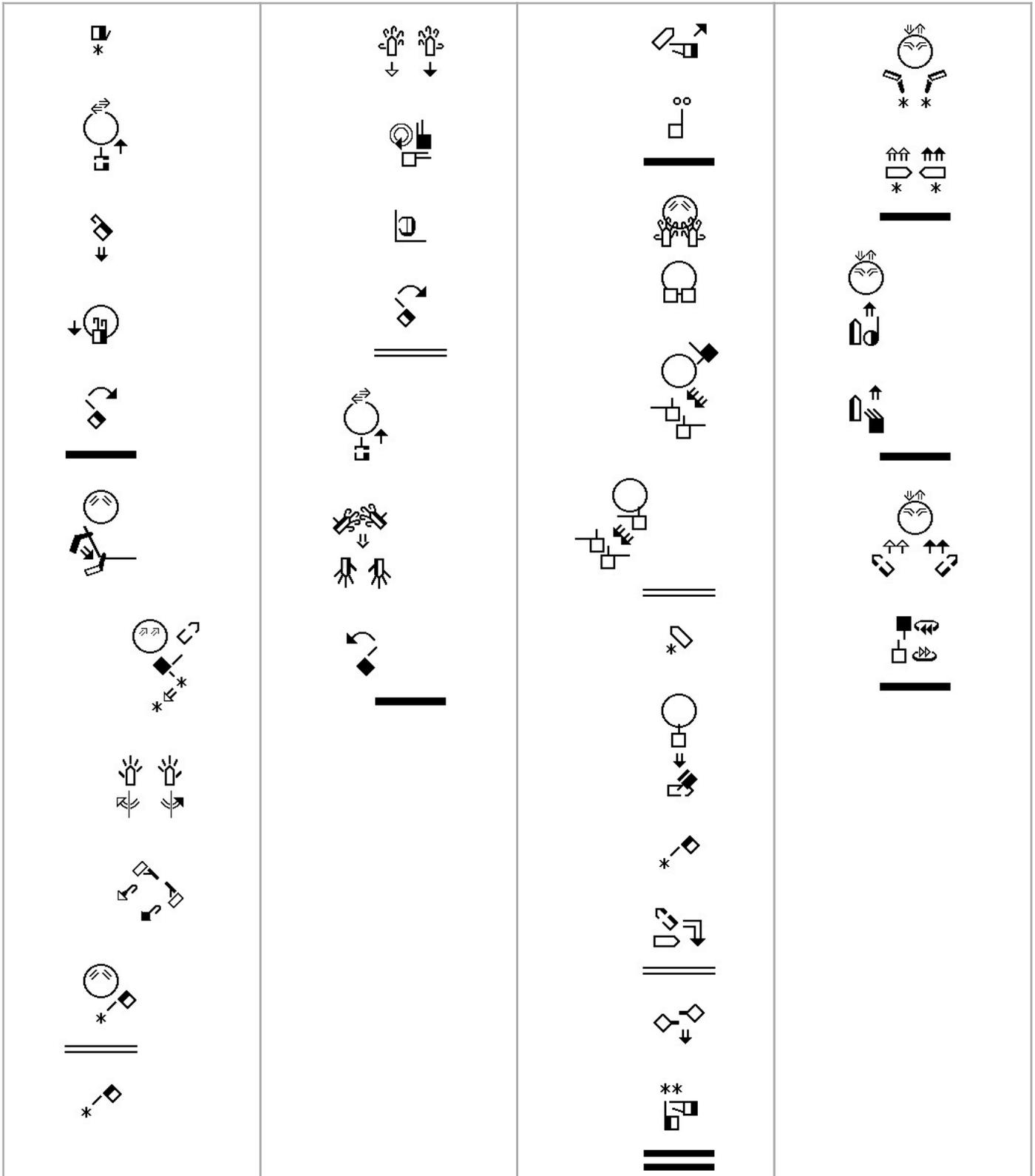
2 Corinthians 13:4-6

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592 we will be alive with him and will have God's power. Verse 5. Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith. Verse 6. As you test yourselves, I hope you will recognize



that we have not failed the test of apostolic authority. Verse 7. We pray to God that you will not do what is wrong by refusing our correction. I hope we won't need to demonstrate our authority when we arrive. Do the right thing before we come -- even if that makes it look like we have failed to demonstrate our authority.



I won't need to deal severely with you when I do come. For I want to use the authority the Lord has given me to strengthen you, not to tear you down. Verse 11. Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other.

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

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596 Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. Verse 12. Greet each other with Christian love. Verse 13. All of God's people here send you their greetings. Verse 14. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, NLT

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