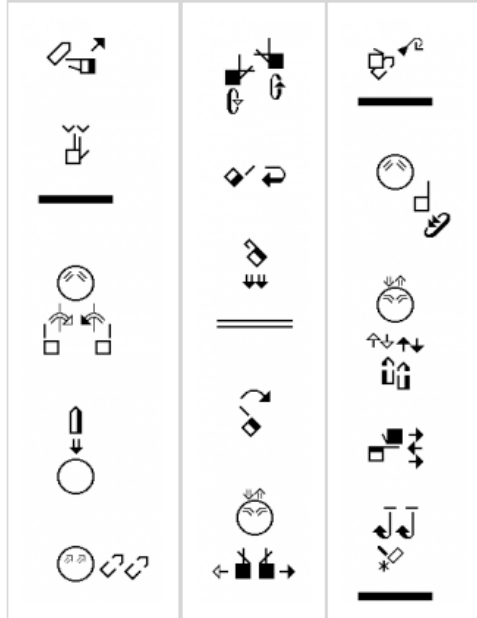


HOW TO ACT IN THE SPIRITUAL FAMILY.

Romans 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

13. When God His people they need, you ready help. Always enthusiastically practice welcome.



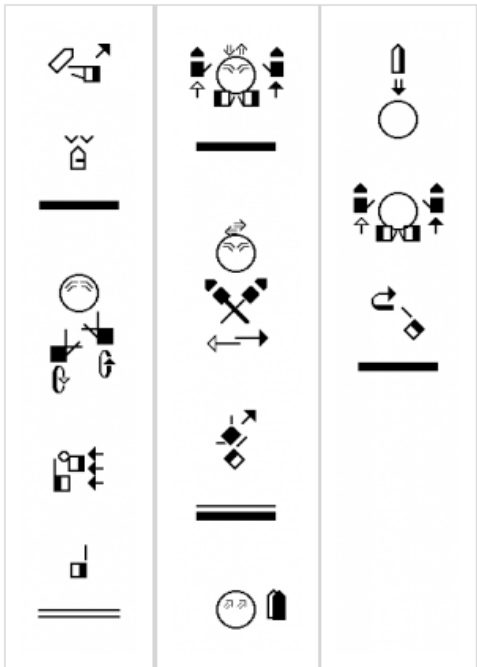
Taking care of the saints implies organization; organization implies leadership; leadership implies choosing leaders.

Church commands are ultimately commands to individuals; it is just that we can more efficiently minister when we work together.

One of the most effective means of evangelism is showing hospitality. Our homes cannot be fortresses to protect ourselves but mini-hospitals of love. Our children and family miss many opportunities to build relationships because they never meet any new people. Make a spot in your home for visitors and a place in your refrigerator for extra food and drinks. God might send you an angel. **Hebrew 13:2**

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

14. People persecute you, bless. Never curse. Pray God bless them.



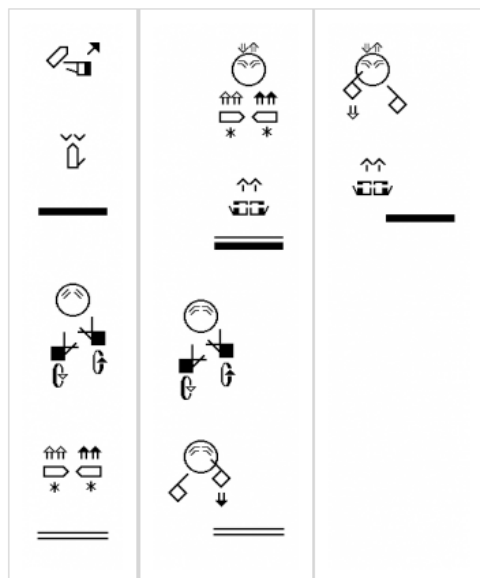
One of the greatest blessings we have is to have people against us. We can love them with the love of Jesus, and that love will not go unrequited. Don't call God's judgment on them; call God's blessing on them. It is hard to hate people you pray for.

Also when we pray for people it changes our own heart and attitude. Divine love grows in our spirit; that kind of love enables us to release the kind of power and grace that can make a permanent difference in the world.

If you do this God will truly work through you and you will sense His pleasure.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

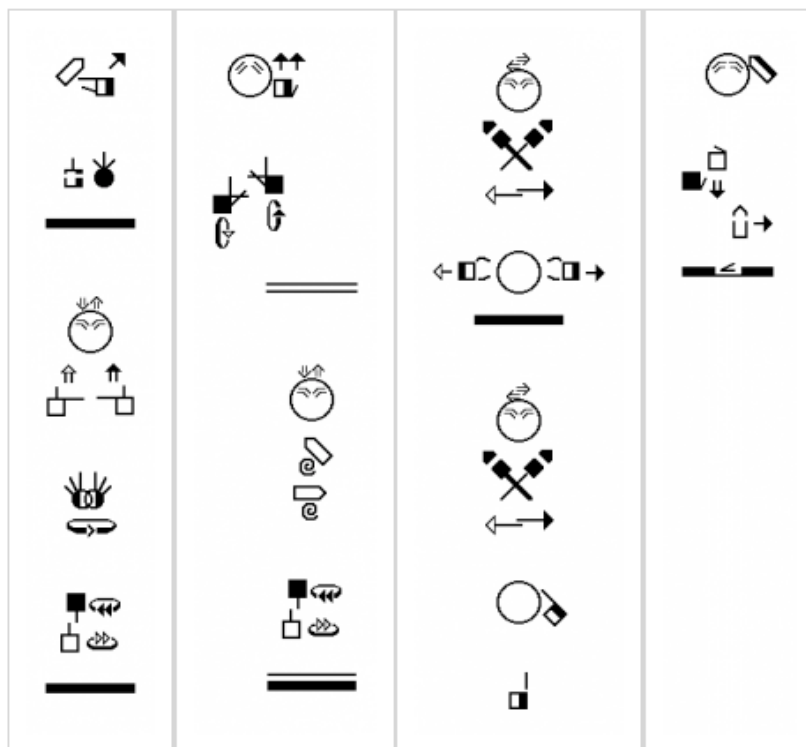
15. People rejoice, rejoice together. People cry, cry together.



Emotions lead feelings. Empathy, recognizes the feelings of others. When people are happy, learn to be happy with them. A child is happy when he is blessed; an adult is happy to bless others and it takes even more maturity to be happy for someone else when their happiness has nothing to do with you. Dance not because you are celebrating but because other people need someone to dance with.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

16. Live harmony each-other. Everyday people, enjoy each-other. Never big-headed. Never think you know everything.



The lie many pursue is complete independence, but interdependence is where God is bringing us. Christians must see themselves connected. We have intellectuals; we have "Samsons" and Dorcas'. God made us to support each other.

The challenge is to do as much as we can ourselves; as much as we should for others; and not be embarrassed to need help. God made us that way.

A conceited person is hard to help.