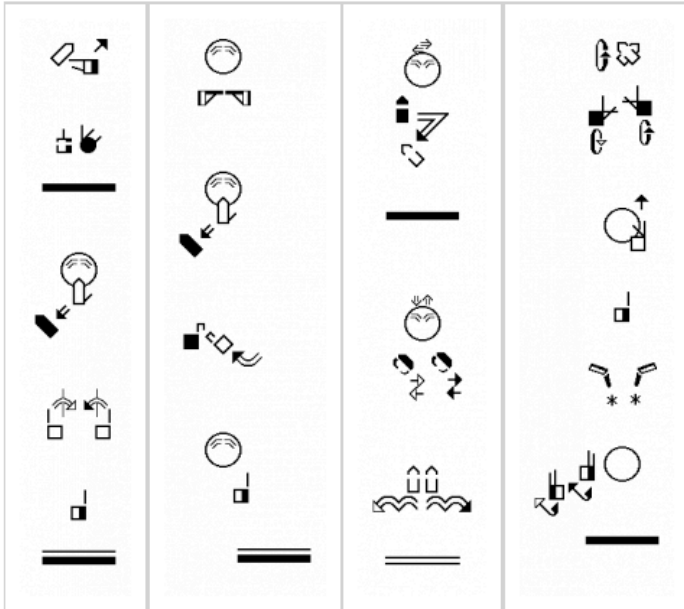


# WHEN PEOPLE MISTREAT YOU: THE SPIRITUAL REACTION.

**Romans 12:17** Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

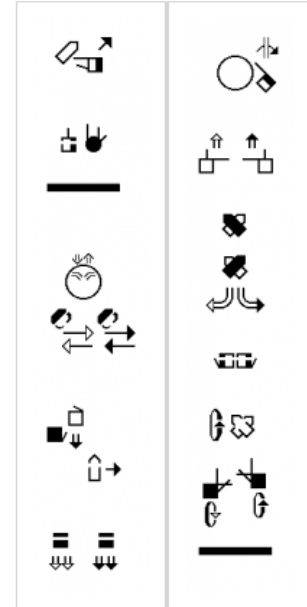
*17. Evil happen you. Even revenge you, never. Do things, all people see you have honor.*



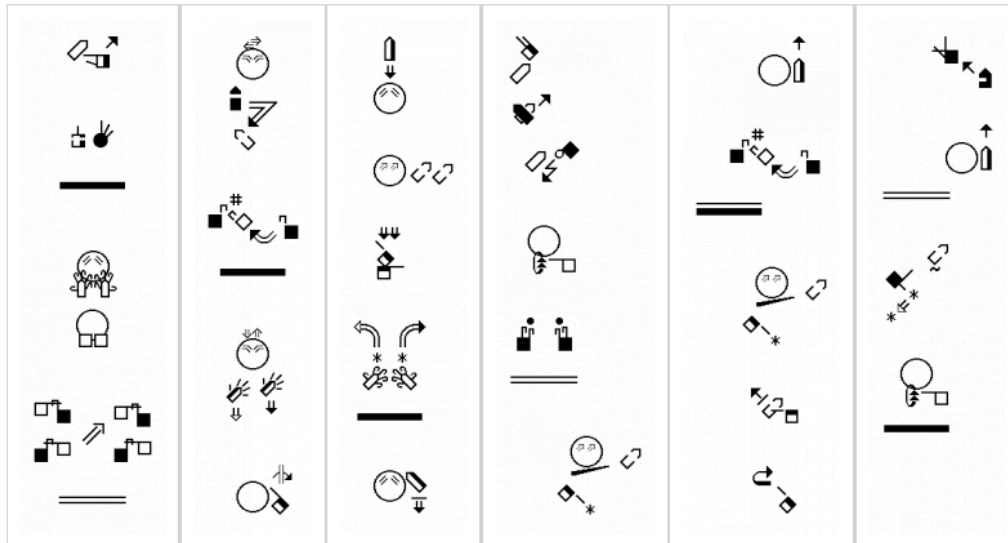
Don't give them what you got. Live by a Higher standard: honor and integrity.

**18** If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

*18. Do everything possible for living peacefully with all people.*



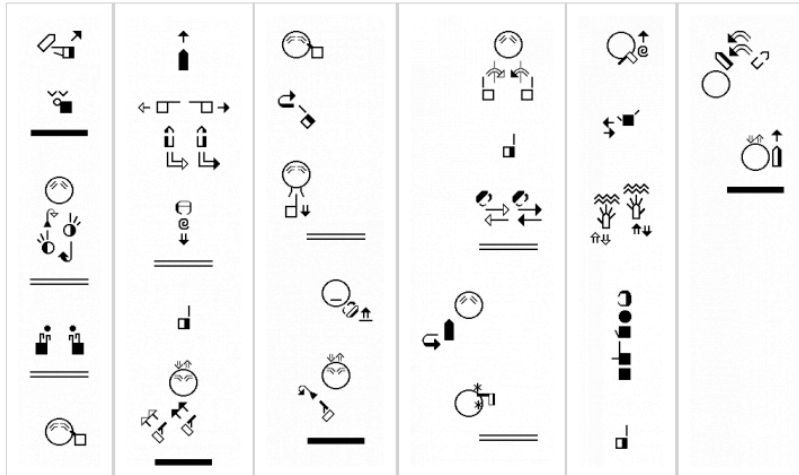
Try not to be a trouble maker; be known for being a kind person.



**19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

*19. Dear friends, never avenge. Let for God His righteous anger. Know holy writings say quote, I will avenge, I pay them back, Lord says.*

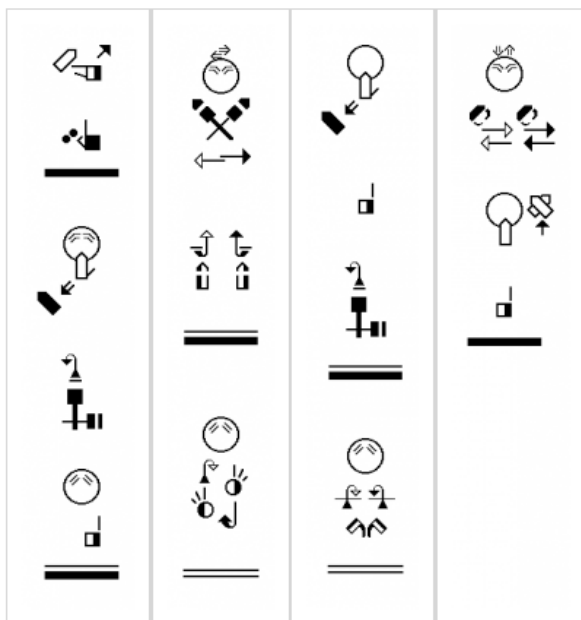
**No getting even; that's the Lord's responsibility.**



**20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.**

*20. Instead, quote, if your enemy hungry, you feed-him. If he thirsty, drink give. When you, his head, shame same fire coals you heap-on will.*

People that follow Jesus do the opposite of even the best people of the world. There is no revenge; there is love and grace. We might not persuade them to be Christians but we will definitely be pleasing God.



**21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.**

*21 Evil overcome you; Don't allow, instead, evil you overcome; how, doing good you.*

(ILL.) The natural man wants to protect himself. Jesus did not retaliate. **(Luke 9:54)**

**Jesus** overcame evil through the cross. His strong act of love and grace overcame evil. **(1 Cor. 15:57)** We are no longer under the evil kingdom. **(Col. 1:13)**

The conclusion of the matter is that we “look evil in the eye,” and attack it with good. See the evil done against you as an opportunity for God in you. So, many people lie defeated, overcome by evil, and by the things people have done to them. Yet, God is saying, “Evil can be overcome.” Not, that you can always stop evil, but that you can prevent evil, cruelty, rudeness, gossip, and violence, from making you evil. You can keep the blessed pureness and love you now experience by resisting evil by exercising the grace and love of the Lord Jesus Christ in you.

Jesus in us makes the difference. He is not a philosophy; He is with us. He is not a set of rules but our Ruler. The disciple of Christ hates evil; hates what it has done to the world and people. With love and goodness we fight. We believe in the power of God's love and grace. Evil is powerful but God's goodness is greater.