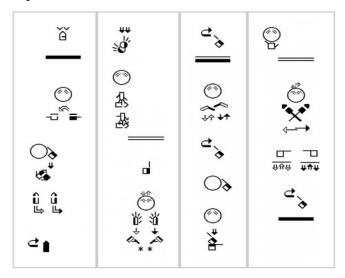
Do Not Judge Your Brother or Breaking Up the Unity

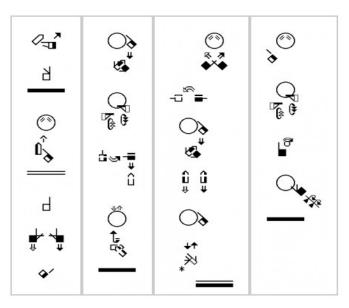
(Matthew 7:1-6: Luke 6:37-42)

Romans 14:1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.



The beauty of the church is unity (Ps. 133:2) So, it is the area most vulnerable to corruption. Satan attacks through several means. One of these means is doubtful disputations. Usually, not through something big but opinions about personal matters. Instead of loving our brother or sister because of their difference, we reject them. But God commands us to receive those we don't agree with on non-scriptural issues.

2 For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.



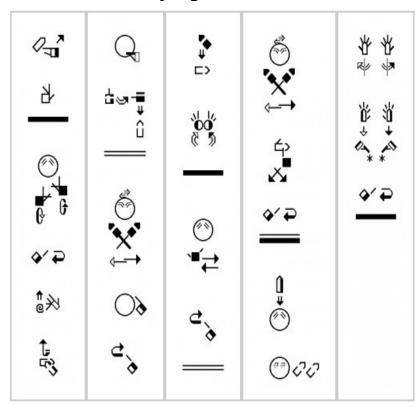
Some examples of personal issues would be diet, day of worship, political opinion, style of dress, proper hair style, the way someone might express their ideas through art, music, literature, social media, etc. Some people are very conservative, and do not like change, others are more liberal and progressive and do not want to be old fashioned.

These differing opinions can cause disunity and hurt the cause of Christ.

Of course there are issues that we must defend with all of our hearts and minds. (Jude 1:3) The essential doctrines of the Bible cannot be compromised just to get along with others. Some people call themselves Christians while at the same time denying what the Bible clearly teaches.

There are those that deny the inspiration of the Bible, the morality of the Bible, and the literal interpretation of the Bible. There are those who do not believe there are any absolute truths, and do not believe Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. We can have dialogue with people who disagree with the fundamental of the Christian faith but we cannot have unity. It is our responsibility to preach the gospel, the truth, to the world, not change it or compromise it.

3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.



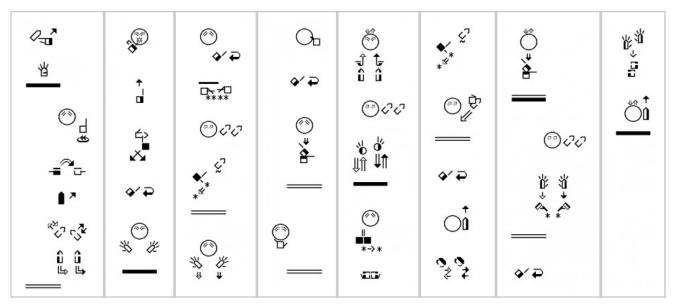
In order to preserve the beauty of unity we must have a spiritual and scriptural attitude. We are prone to despise those we think opinions and attitudes do not agree with ours or we tend to judge those whose standards we consider lower than ours.

Judging and despising are both attitudes that take away the joy and closeness that we are suppose to feel in the church.

The cure for these sick attitudes is to remember we are not the judges of God's servants.

When someone disagrees with us on matters of personal preference we should respect and love them by understanding and listening and realizing we do not need to agree about everything.

4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.



Unity is something Christians must strife for and guard. There are many ways that unity can be compromised. (Eph. 4:3) Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, an of th knowledg of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Uncompromising in Biblical doctrine; tolerant in regards to doubtful disputations.