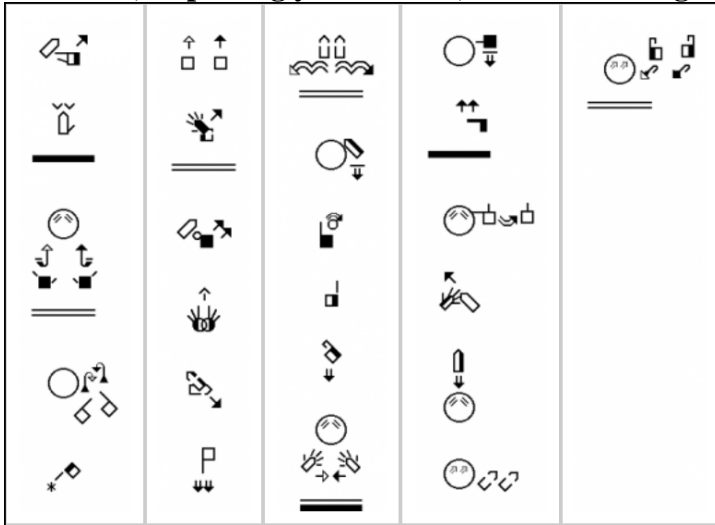


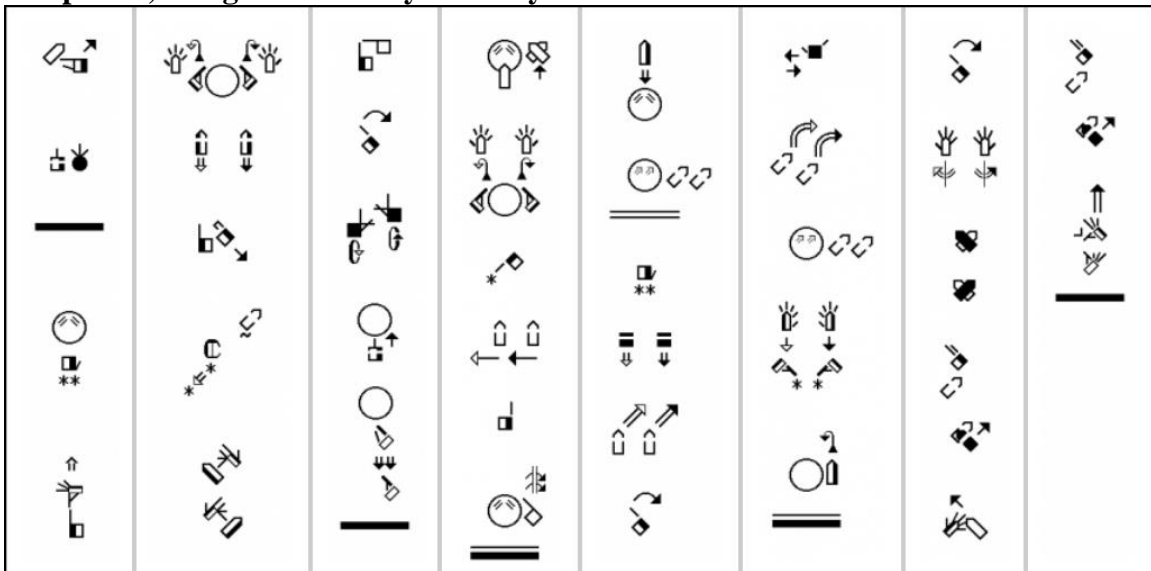


**Romans 15:15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,**



Boldness is very hard for a minister because he does not want to scare people away, and yet he must be faithful in his service to God. God's grace enables this boldness. Love compels him. It would have been easy for Paul to please either the liberal or conservative factions in the church, but Paul had to say both factions were wrong because whatever is not love and whatever is not faith is not of God.

**Romans 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.**



A minister of the gospel is not permitted to change what he ministers. (III.) A food store sells food; an auto dealer sells car, etc. Paul, the Apostle, was hired (called) by God to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. The Holy Spirit sanctifies (separates) us (the church) from Satan, the world and sin to belong to Jesus Christ. Note the Trinitarian implications.

(III.) My brother is institutionalized. Each sibling has a choice: He is not our brother; ignore him; or visit him. We also have a choice: we can tell ourselves that these other people at church are not our family, ignore them, or take them into in our lives. However, if you choose to think we are family then understand that God commands you **"to admonish one another."** You have been given goodness and knowledge.