


BELONGING TO ONE ANOTHER



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Do Not BITE &
DEVOUR
One Another

Galatians 5:15

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Bite:

- Literally “cutting with the teeth”
- Used metaphorically “To wound the soul,
 - to cut,
 - to lacerate,
 - to rend with reproaches

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Devour

- To eat up, consume, to exploit, to prey upon
- Used figuratively or literally
- Used of fire, Rev. 20:19
- “To strip of one’s goods, Lk. 20:47
- To squander or waste, Lk. 15:30

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Usage: Bite & Devour

- Used together to describe how wild animals and savage beast fight

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The Nature

- Fleshly

- used of natural or physical origin, generation, relationship: Rom 9:3
- the sensuous nature of man
- "the animal nature"

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The Nature

- Fleshly

- *sarx*, when either expressly or tacitly opposed to *pneuma* (*Spirit*), has an ethical sense and denotes *mere human nature*,
- *the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God*;

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The Nature

- Fleshly

Gal 5:19-21

*Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are:
adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry,
sorcery,
hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath,
selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders,
drunkenness, revelries,*

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How We May Be Guilty?

Gal 5:26

*Let us not become
conceited, provoking one
another, envying one
another.*

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How We May Be Guilty?

- Conceit or Vainglory

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Manifests Itself in...

- Conspicuous Display
- Ungodly Boasting
- Depreciation of Others

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How We May Be Guilty?

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Springs From....

- Pride
- Ignorance
- Contempt of Others

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- Conceit or Vainglory

Leads to....

- Extravagance
- Dishonesty
- Spiritual Ruin

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How We May Be Guilty?

- Conceit or Vainglory
- Provoking
 - To call forth, to challenge, to be combative
 - To be irritating

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How We May Be Guilty?

- Conceit or Vainglory
- Provoking
- Envyng
 - The feeling of displeasure produced by witnessing or hearing of the advantage or prosperity of others

1 Tim 6:3-5

*3 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,
4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,*

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James 3:14-16

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

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How To Overcome?

- Walk in the Spirit
- Grow in the Fruit of the Spirit

Gal 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

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How To Overcome?

- Serve One Another

Gal 5:13

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

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