CARE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER; BUT, DON'T BITE ... (1 Cor. 12:25; Gal. 5:13-15, v26)

1. (1 Cor. 12:25-26) "... but that the members should have the same care one for another ... "

"One another" - that's all of us in the spiritual body.

"Same" - identical; all alike; similar.

"Care" - be attentive to; tend; nurse; the opposite is neglect.

2. (Gal. 5:13) "... by love serve one another"

"Love" - actions and words that seek the benefit of others; words demonstrated.

(1 John 4:7-9)

"serve" - be a waiter; assist; do; be a helper.

(v14) it's the law, brethren.

3. (Gal. 5:15) "... take heed that ye be not consumed one of another"

"Bite" - to wound or cut with the teeth; sarcastic remarks; it hurts another.

"Devour" - eat greedily; ruin; destroy; to finish off.

"Consumed" - reference to something being consumed by fire; engulf.

Cure presented: (v16) "walk in the Spirit" (v24-25) "live in the Spirit"

4. (Gal. 5:26) "Let us not be desirous of vain glory (conceited) ... "

"Vain glory" - don't put your trust in things that do not accomplish salvation. (Phil. 3:7) "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ." Don't be proud of empty advantages.

5. (Gal. 5:26) "... not ... provoking one another ... "

"Provoke" - excite; stir up; stimulate; inflame; activate. (Heb. 10:24) "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works ... "

6. (Gal. 5:26) " ... not ... envying one another"

"Envy" - a painful awareness of another's possessions or advantages; resentment. Instead of "painful awareness," how about "rejoicing."?