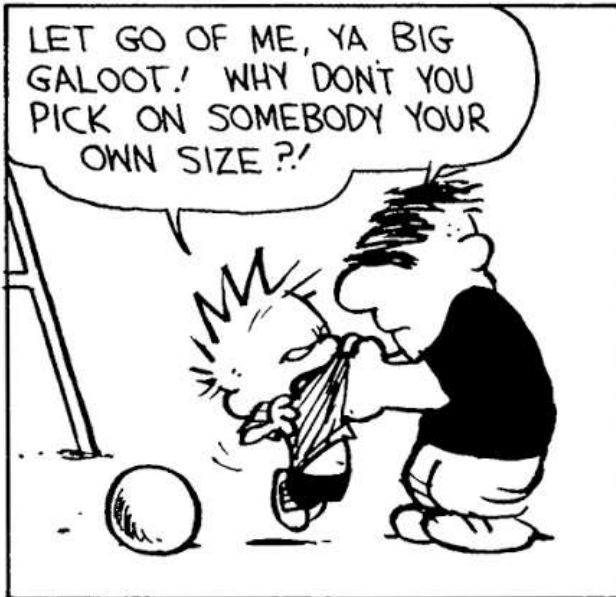


Bullying

Why It's Wrong and How to Respond



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What is Bullying?

- Noun – one who is habitually cruel, insulting, or threatening to others who are weaker, smaller, or in some way vulnerable
- Verb – to treat someone in a cruel, insulting, or aggressive fashion; to cause someone to do something by means of force or coercion

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Bullying Is Sinful

- Bullying is evil behavior (Romans 1:28-32, 2 Timothy 3:1-5)
- Bullying is hateful behavior (1 John 3:11-12,15)

Bible Bullies

- Peninnah (1 Samuel 1:2,6-7)
- Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 21)
- Pharisees (John 9:28,34)
- Diotrephes (3 John 9-11)

A Christian Stands Out

- A Christian sees someone weaker as someone to be protected, not exploited (Psalm 146:8-9, Ephesians 5:22-6:4)
- A Christian sees someone different as someone to be loved, not insulted (James 3:9-10)
- Love for enemies is the hallmark of a Christian's behavior (John 13:34-35)

A Gracious Response

- Be prepared for people to not like you (John 15:18-19)
- Do not return evil but good (Romans 12:17-21)
- Know who you are (Matthew 5:10-12)

