Big Bullies!

Disclaimer: this is an automatically generated machine transcription - there may be small errors or mistranscriptions. Please refer to the original audio if you are in any doubt.

Date: 16 December 2022 Preacher: Jon Watson

[0:00] The 16th of December. Big Bullies. Mockers are proud and haughty. They act with boundless arrogance. Proverbs 21.24 NLT.

Bullying is a problem, a serious problem, whether at school, work, or even at home. In recent times, with the advent of social media, bullying can become very frightening, and has even led to some young people committing suicide.

Sometimes Christians suffer bullying because of their beliefs, and may be rejected by peers at school or by workmates. This can be very hurtful indeed.

As a Christian, you may suffer bullying because your lifestyle may be very different from those around you. Your language may be different. No swearing, or telling lies, or listening to dirty stories.

You may also find that your lifestyle is actually showing up the shallowness and unhappiness of those around you, so that they want to hurt you for making them ashamed. How, then, do you deal with bullying?

First of all, don't be afraid to speak about it at home or with a trusted Christian friend, or, if appropriate, to a staff member. Don't bottle it up in yourself. Secondly, pray about it.

Pray for the bully or bullies. They may be very unhappy people, although they are mockers and proud and haughty people, acting with boundless arrogance. Often, that is a mask over their own insecurity.

Cut off social media if that is threatening you. Seek out Christian friends. A prayer. I need your help to be a courageous Christian, O Lord, when faced with the hurtful behavior of others.

Amen, Amen, Amen,