

# Faith

## Sibling rivalry sometimes sparked by parents

**QUESTION:** If jealousy between kids is so common, then how can parents minimize the natural antagonism children feel for their siblings?

**DR. DOBSON:** It's helpful to avoid circumstances that compare them unfavorably with each other. They are extremely sensitive to the competitive edge of their relationship. The question is not "How am I doing?" it is "How am I doing compared with John or Steven or Marion?" The issue is not how fast I can run, but who crosses the finish line first. A boy does not care how tall he is; he is vitally interested in who is tallest. Children systematically measure themselves against their peers and are tremendously sensitive to failure within their own families. Accordingly, parents should guard against comparative statements that routinely

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favor one child over another. Perhaps an illustration will help make the case. When I was about 10 years old, I loved to play with a couple of dogs that belonged to two families in the neighborhood. One was a black Scottie who liked to chase and retrieve tennis balls. The other was a pug bulldog who had a notoriously bad attitude. One day as I was tossing the ball for the Scottie, it occurred to me that it might be interesting to throw

it in the direction of the ol' grouch. It was not a smart move. The ball rolled under the bulldog, who grabbed the Scottie by the throat when he tried to retrieve it. It was an awful scene. Neighbors came running as the Scottie screamed in pain. It took ten minutes and a garden hose to pry the bulldog's grip loose, and by then the Scottie was almost dead. He spent two weeks in the hospital, and I spent two weeks in "the doghouse." I regret throwing that ball to this day.

I have thought about that experience many times and have begun to recognize its application to human relationships. Indeed, it is a very simple thing to precipitate a fight between people. All that is necessary is to toss a ball, symbolically, under the more aggressive of the two and prepare for the battle that ensues. This is done by repeating negative comments one has made or

by baiting one in the presence of the other. It can be accomplished in business by assigning overlapping territory to two managers. They will tear each other to pieces in the inevitable rivalry. Alas, it happens every day.

This principle is also applicable to siblings. It is remarkably easy to make them mortal enemies. All a parent must do is toss a ball in the wrong direction. Their natural antagonism will do the rest.

**QUESTION:** How early in life is a child capable of making a strong-willed stand in defiance against his or her parents?

**DR. DOBSON:** Depending on the temperament of the individual, defiant behavior can be displayed by very young children. A father once told me of taking his 3-year-old daughter to a basketball game. The child

was, of course, interested in everything in the gym except the athletic contest. The father permitted her to roam freely and climb on the bleachers, but he set up definite limits regarding how far she could stray. He took her by the hand and walked with her to a stripe painted on the gym floor.

"You can play all around the building, Janie, but don't go past this line," he instructed her.

Dad had no sooner returned to his seat than the toddler scurried in the direction of the forbidden territory. She stopped at the border for a moment, then flashed a grin over her

shoulder to her father and deliberately placed one foot over the line as if to say, "Whacha gonna do about it?" Virtually every parent the world over has been asked the same question at one time or another. That's the way some kids are made.

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# Franklin County Church Directory

## Defections, court fights threaten Scientology

By **ERIC GORSKI**  
AP Religion Writer

The Church of Scientology is going through a difficult season.

Over the course of two days last week, a French court convicted the church of fraud and Oscar-winning filmmaker Paul Haggis' resignation from the church over a litany of concerns was aired publicly. On one hand, it was just another bad press week for the embattled institution founded in 1953 by the late science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard.

But for former Scientologists and scholars of the movement, the setbacks pose a greater challenge coming on the heels of defections of top-level Scientologists who lifted a veil of secrecy on the organization and alleged a culture of violence and control under Hubbard's successor, David Miscavige.

The church has strenuously denied the allegations against Miscavige, portraying the accusers as lying disgruntled employees.

Church spokesman Tommy Davis said Scientology is flourishing, with more than 8,000 Scientology churches, missions and groups in 160-plus nations. He said assets and property holdings have doubled over the past five years, including a new church in Rome and another opening this weekend in Washington, D.C.

"From our perspective, things are going pretty great," Davis said. "In fact, that's downplaying it. Actually, what's happening with the church right now is frankly spectacular. To the degree there are these various things happening, it really is a lot of noise."

One major survey of American religion shows Scientology declining in the U.S., however. The estimated number of Americans who identify as Scientologists rose from 45,000 in 1990 to 55,000 in 2001, then plummeted to 25,000 in 2008, according to the American Religion Identification Survey.

Davis said that while the church avoids membership estimates, it's "absolutely in the millions" globally and growing in the U.S.

Scientology has long been controversial. The Internal Revenue Service granted the church tax exemption in 1993 after a nearly four-decade battle over whether it should be considered a religion. Critics say Scientology is a business, preying on people by charging exorbitant sums for services.

The church continues to fascinate, fueled by interest in celebrity adherents such as Tom Cruise, John Travolta and Kirstie Alley, as well as beliefs that don't fit into typical American religious boxes.

Hubbard taught that the "thetan," the equivalent of a spirit, can be cleared of negative energy from this and previous lives through a process called auditing. With the aid of auditors, Scientologists seek a state called "Clear" and then advance through various levels of "Operating Thetan."

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, 311 S. Hickory. Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1207 West 15th. Steven Harbison, minister. Services, 9:30 a.m.; Preaching, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sun.; Wed. Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.  
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COMMUNITY FOURSQUARE, 9th and Hickory. Clyde W. Greisen, pastor. Sun. School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Tues., Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
COMMUNITY REVIVAL CENTER, 2749 Montana Rd. Services Sunday, 10 a.m. & 6:00 p.m., Bible Clubs and Youth Group and Adult Services Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF OTTAWA, 621 N. Poplar. Sun. Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
CROSSPOINTE COMMUNITY CHURCH, 3085 Marshall Rd. (NE Intersection of I-35 & 15th St.). Rev. Michael Schooley, pastor, 242-5683. Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Family Worship 10 a.m.; Wed., family night, 7 p.m. Nursery available all services.  
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FAITH, HOPE & LOVE OUTREACH MINISTRIES, Sun. School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Evening Service 6:30 p.m. Ottawa Girls Club, 113 W. 4th St. 913-205-9738.  
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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 13th and Mulberry. Sun. School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.  
FIRST BAPTIST 4th & Hickory Rev. Joel Fredrickson, Pastor. 1st Sun. of each month combined Worship 11 a.m.; 2nd - 4th Sun. 9 a.m. (traditional) & 11 a.m. (contemporary); Sunday School 10 a.m. Check website for information and weekly activities. 785-242-2713. www.fbcoottawa.org.  
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FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST, 1419 S. Eisenhower. Rev. Martin McPherson, pastor. Sun. School, 9:45 a.m.; Church Service, 10:50 a.m.; 7 p.m., Wednesday.  
FOUNDATION CHURCH, Meeting at 113 W. 4th St. (Ottawa Girl's Club - across from El Mezcal). Dave Burns, pastor. Saturday night fellowship 5:30 p.m. & worship 6-7 p.m.  
GRACE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP, Washburn Towers Auditorium (2nd floor), 526 S. Main. Fellowship 9:45-10:10 a.m.; Worship 10:15-11:15 a.m. Kent Mathews, Pastor. www.graceottawa.wordpress.com  
GRACE EPISCOPAL, 5th & Locust. Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 10:15 a.m. Rev. Gail E. Davis, Rector.  
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JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, 3139 K-68 East. Sun., 10 a.m.-noon; Wed. 7 p.m.-8:45; Fri., 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
LIGHT HOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD, 120 W. 3rd. Pastor Dale Carter. Wed. Service 7 p.m.; Friday Youth 7 p.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
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