

EVANGELICALS AND SEXUAL ABUSE

The grandson of evangelist Billy Graham, Boz Tchividjian, said in October that evangelicals have a big problem with the sexual abuse of minors. When asked how the problem in the evangelical community compares to that in the Catholic community, he said, "I think we are worse."

The Liberty University law professor runs an organization designed to combat sexual abuse, Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment (GRACE). "Protestants can be very arrogant when pointing to Catholics," he said. He is very blunt, taking Protestant institutions to task for not acting responsibly. He said they need to be less concerned about protecting their institutions and more concerned about dealing with the molesters. "We've got the Gospels backwards," he said. Sounds familiar.