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Stepparent: Do's and Don'ts 1

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**Ron:** Less than half of engaged couples with kids discuss how they re going to parent those kids after the wedding. Hey, that's not a good idea.

**Announcer:** For FamilyLife Blended<sup>™</sup>, here's Ron Deal.

**Ron:** So because having a plan is vital, here's some practical do's and don'ts for stepparents. Do strive for unity in your parenting with the biological parent. Discuss your values and expectations, the boundaries you want to set, and the consequences you'll implement if the rules are broken. Don't be harsh or punish in a way that the biological parent wouldn't. Both of those are just like shooting yourself in the foot.

And, do be mindful of deepening your relationship with the children no matter what their age. Relationship adds to your leadership and influence in the family. For FamilyLife Blended, I'm Ron Deal.

**Announcer:** To find out more visit familylifeblended.com.

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