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New Stepparent, Sassy Teenager

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Ron: I need help, Ron. I've got a sassy teenager.

Announcer: For FamilyLife Blended®, here's Ron Deal.

Ron: Maria is a new stepmom with a 15-year-old stepson who she described as passive-aggressive, sassy, and disrespectful. Well, Maria, first of all, you're not alone. Any parent with a teenager—even a biological parent—recognizes these attitudes. It's part of the territory (my apologies to any teens listening).

Now, not knowing your role and having a distant relationship with him doesn't help either. So, lower your expectations. When your stepson is disrespectful let your husband take the lead. And even though your stepson acts like you're invisible, don't disappear. Stay engaged and take it one day at a time. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

Announcer: To find out more visit familylifeblended.com.

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