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## How to Undermine the Stepparent

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**Ron:** And now, three ways to undermine a stepparent.

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

**Ron:** You know, a biological parent wants their spouse—the stepparent—to be successful. But a parent inadvertently undermines the stepparent when they repeatedly defend their child, try to control how close the child and stepparent become, or try to mediate problems between their spouse and the children. Now the parent is trying to reduce conflict and increase closeness in the family; but it can have the opposite effect.

Sure, you can give your perspective and insight from time to time, but let them figure it out. As much as you can, let the stepparent and your children work out their relationship. The bridge they build together is much more stable. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

**Announcer:** To find out more visit [familylifeblended.com](http://familylifeblended.com).

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