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Step-Money: Landmine Mistakes to Avoid

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Ron: Stepfamilies have a few financial landmines: don't step on them.

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

Ron: According to Patricia Estess, the first landmine is relying too heavily on a former spouse for child support. Being dependent makes you vulnerable. Organize your finances around your home's income and everything else is gravy. The second is skimping on the new family and spending on the old. Throwing money at your kids won't erase your guilt or make up for lost time. Honor all your commitments equally.

And the third, having two different financial standards within the same home. You can't treat the kids differently. Share your resources and treat everyone the same. When it comes to monetary landmines in stepfamilies, I suggest you step around them. For FamilyLife Blended, I'm Ron Deal.

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