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## You Can't Have It Both Ways

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**Ron:** Hey parents, you can't have it both ways.

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

**Ron:** Have you ever been the recipient of a double message? You know, like when a friend tells you it's okay that you didn't call them, but then is mad that you didn't call them. Which is it? One trap in stepfamily parenting is when the biological parent clearly wants the stepparent to be a part of the parenting process, but then undercuts their authority and decisions. This is really confusing and defeating to the stepparent.

Hey, you can't have it both ways. You don't get to invite them into your household and then make them powerless. Either they are part of the team or they are not a part of your life. I suggest you make them part of the team. For FamilyLife Blended, I'm Ron Deal.

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

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