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## Two Lips Walk Into a Fight

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**Ron:** Hey, have you heard this one: Two lips walk into a fight...

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

**Ron:** Actually, it's no joke. It's a Proverb from the Bible. Proverbs 18:6, "A fool's lips walk into a fight." Yes, what you say can start an argument. That's true in a lot of situations. But here's a mistake parents and stepparents make with teens: when you're irritated with them and immediately launch into a lecture with the assumption that you know what's motivating them.

How much better to pause, take a deep breath, and ask a question about what's going on behind the scenes. Listen first; get the story. And then if it's appropriate, you can always come back to the lecture. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

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

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