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Step Down Your Expectations

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Ron: Ok, stepfamilies. It's time to step down...your expectations, I mean.

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

Ron: "Why won't my son ask his stepfather for help with his math?" one mom asked me. You see, this mom just wanted her son to feel comfortable with Tim, so she kept pressuring them to get along. But pressure often backfires.

You see, one of the key steps for stepfamilies is to step down your expectations. No, you're not giving up. Just realize that family integration, as I like to call it, takes time. Many years for most families and pressure doesn't help. Accepting and appreciating relationships as they are today makes for a more relaxed home. That, ironically, helps people become family. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

Announcer: To find out more visit familylifeblended.com.

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