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## Successful Stepfamilies

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**Ron:** We just had to stay committed to getting through those early years.

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

**Ron:** Jay made that comment on a live radio broadcast I was on talking about successful stepfamilies. And he's right. One quality of blended families, who do well, is stubborn persistence through those early rough years. His wife, Laurie, shared another. "I had to give up my agenda of fixing my stepkids," she said. She had what I like to call "Eager Mom Syndrome"—she was too focused on getting Mom-like respect and love rather than building a strong relationship.

Both Jay and Laurie made adjustments to their expectations and led their family through. Now, 15 years later, they talk about how much their eight kids love each other. For FamilyLife Blended, I'm Ron Deal.

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

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