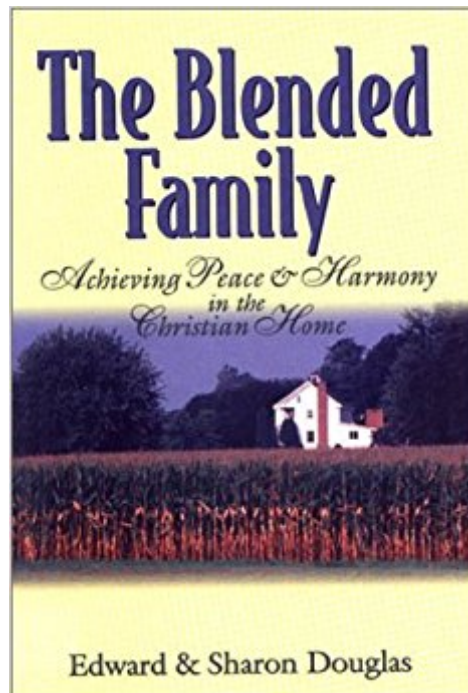




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The Blended Family: Achieving Peace And Harmony In The Christian Home



Synopsis

Love between two people that once seemed heavenly becomes extremely complicated when two households are joined in marriage. When a number of strangers of various stages in life suddenly come together to be a family, unexpected issues concerning discipline, finances, outside influences, and privacy surface. Roles become confusing. In the Blended Family, Edward and Sharon Douglas address the complex nature of the stepfamily. Believing that the answers to all concerns can be discovered in the Word of God, they offer biblical solutions to achieve and maintain harmonious relationships within the family. God has a perfect plan for marriage and places an awesome responsibility on parents to raise His children. The Douglasses have found that applying the Word of God to marriage, as well as loving all children as Jesus did, leads to a happier and more fulfilling family life.

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"Practical in its application, sound in its psychological assertions, pregnant with biblical principles, and loaded with social integration. --Dr. Alfred R. Jones, Pastor

The Douglasses have spoken at many stepfamily conferences and workshops, marriage retreats and on National Christian radio programs. They founded Blended Family Ministries, Inc. a Christian organization that ministers to blended families. This book is ideal for small group studies and it can be used for counseling blended family couples.

The book brings in some good points for consideration. Probably a good read before you marry into another family. As one who tried and failed at blending a family, I know it takes utmost consideration for all. And sometimes the 80/20 rule applies. I think, more than solutions, this book gives examples of what may be expected. The solution they offer is taking on the servant role of Jesus. Setting self aside to better the lives of your family, (though adults usually marry for their "self" reasons), seems to run through this read. As always, when we have kids, we should be ready to devote most of our energies to assisting them become secure and faith filled adults. At the same time, adults need to confer and converse often, so they can maintain a healthy relationship. If the adults are at battle, the whole blend suffers. Another point to consider is how many family parts are affected by a blended marriage. In-laws, cousins, step everythings, grands, and many more than husband & wife.

I bought this book for a couple of friends that have blended families, hoping it might be a help to them. One friend has read it and said it was very helpful. I recommend this book to anyone with a blended family. The real stories of others was very good and made our friend feel like she wasn't alone with their unique situations.

Salvation/Christ focused messages, encourages married couples to stay together/grow stronger, your personal testimonies, written from a realistic and christ centered perspective, targeted specific issues such as finances, discipline, names, visitation, respect, etc., information helpful, applicable and true, not too long, gets the message across clearly, and husband and wife perspectives and input. This book can give anyone married, single, remarried, or engaged a biblical view and understanding of what Christ wants to do in our homes. The authors do an exceptional job at directing the reader to God's plan and provision for marriage and family. Their personal experiences are a testimony to what God can do if we let Him. THE BLENDED FAMILY encourages trust in Christ and the word of God as the blueprint for building a strong family. A must read for anyone in or about to become a blended family.

Having the opportunity to pre-review this book prior to release, and being married with two children in a non-blended family I wondered how the book could benefit me and my household. I found it easy to read with personal testimonies that any family can relate to and learn from. I walked away from the book being more thankful for the things I have, and I acquired a stronger commitment to keep my household intact. I would like to thank the authors of this book for making my husband and

I "Renew our marriage vows"

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