

gifts & gripes about Living in stepfamilies

gifts:

- **Change can be good**
- **More people to love you, help you, and watch out for you**
- **Learn to deal better with conflict and improve your teamwork skills**
- **Parent is usually happier and this is usually good for you**
- **New traditions to be made**
- **Excitement of building a new family identity**
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gripes:



- **Two households to organize your stuff in**
- **Less time with your biological parent**
- **More rules and different expectations**
- **Stepparent doesn't understand you or you don't understand them**
- **Stepparent puts down other parents or vice versa**
- **Stepsibling doesn't respect your possession or privacy**
- **Change is hard sometimes**
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