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Apples & Oranges

First marriages are “apples” – subsequent marriages are “oranges.” In this presentation basic fundamental differences between the two are explored. The stepfamily forms backwards from the biological family. Without recognizing & preparing for these differences, the stepfamily – and those working with them – can get set up for major problems.

Bio-Force Meet the Weakest Link

The most unpredictable element in stepfamily formation is relationship development. This presentation explores & literally draws out, how individuals bond & relationships develop in the stepfamily. This is also contrasted with the biological family.

Step-Discipline

The parenting problems presented here are universal to stepfamilies where one or both bring children. Learn what works and what doesn't! The important principles of stepparenting & discipline will enhance the chance for remarriage success, couple satisfaction, and set the stage for stepfamily cohesion.

What About Us?

One of the major questions stepcouples ask is, “What about us?” Not only the stepfamily but the couple relationship forms backwards as well. The issues facing the developing remarried couple relationship can be confusing & emotionally charged. Among the concepts presented are “primary and foundational,” “reclaiming the territory” & the “tasks of remarriage.”

Questions & Answers