# A Modern Day Cheaper by The Dozen

In a world where blended families are more the norm than not, here is an uplifting new guidebook that weaves together humor and tender, yet critically insightful advice for any family dynamic

#### LIVING IN THE FAMILY BLENDER: 10 PRINCIPLES OF A SUCCESSFUL BLENDED FAMILY

# 2019 Mom's Choice Awards Gold Medal Winner Reader's Favorite 5-Star Review

Blended family issues impact the vast majority of Americans. Yet, society often sidesteps the topic, while literature leaves a bleak landscape nearly void of practical advice from those who have lived in the trenches. With over 68 combined years of direct blended family experience, including 14 years with their own family of 10 children, authors Clark and Leah Burbidge are uniquely qualified to fill this void. Their combined autobiographical/how-to guidebook weaves a humorous, tender, uplifting, and critically insightful fabric of 10 foundational principles upon which any family may confidently build. Every blended family can have happier, more fulfilling lives where disruption, disorientation, and contention are replaced by teamwork, progress, and overcoming-oriented achievement. *Living in the Family Blender* also provides practical guidance upon which any family may build better relationships and a life filled with joy and purpose. Join them on their personal journey and discover glorious possibilities in your own family.

### TALKING POINTS

- Real Life Cheaper by the Dozen
- Why this book is also critical for single parents
- 5 Things No One Tells You About Blended Families
- Marriage Tips for Blended Families
- Navigating the challenges of Blended Families
- Successful Non-Bio Parenting Tips



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# **BOOK DETAILS**

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## ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Clark and Leah live in the high mountain valleys of the Rockies where they enjoy their ever-expanding blended family of ten children and seven grandchildren. They enjoy travel, hiking, road and mountain biking, and serving in their community and church. Clark received a BS in Finance from the University of Utah and an MBA from the University of Southern California and spent 35 years traveling the world as a banker, investment banker and Chief Financial Officer. Leah earned an Associate Degree from Ricks College and what arguably could be considered a doctoral level real life education in blended families. Clark and Leah treasure their blended wild ride of 14 years together, firmly believing that any challenge is manageable when you have someone you love to walk beside. *Living in the Family Blender* is Clark and Leah's first book together, but Clark has been writing for years with 9 books in different genres including Middle Reader, Teen and YA fiction, adult non-fiction and a beautiful Christmas/Easter Family read together storybook.

#### **TESTIMONIALS**

"While I realize we all have our own unique story, Clark and Leah give us some basic guidelines to help "normalize" being a blended family as well as ways to celebrate the uniqueness of the situation. Kudos to you both! And thank you a thousand times over for such a great resource." - Mary H., Couples Counselor

I wish you had written this book . . . years ago before my husband and I were married. We might not have struggled as much in parenting our blended family. . . . THIS IS AN IMPORTANT BOOK! . . . Your book is so inspiring and should be read by every member of a blended family. **—Barbara J. Scott, Life-educated blended family spouse and parent** 

"...the stories about the importance of communicating with your spouse...and your children is such a huge piece of being a family...Thank you for sharing your family and your life with people who need help, but don't know how much they need it!" **- single mom** 



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