

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Dear Dad,

You always taught me to appreciate God's blessings. I have been blessed beyond anything I deserve and at the top of my list is the fact God gave you to me as my earthly father.

As I look back, I recall so much you left with me. You did not leave great fame or riches. You did not have these to leave. However, you left so much more. The life you lived before me was more than just telling me how to live; you taught by example. You took your duties as a Christian father seriously. Part of that responsibility was to provide for your family. Every morning you walked two miles to catch a ride to work. After working eight hard hours you retraced the same two miles back to your family. Even then your day wasn't finished. Farm work kept you busy until darkness forced you inside. Your efforts made it possible for your family to enjoy food, clothes, heat, and a roof over our heads.

On Sunday, you again led by example. Instead of claiming a day of rest for yourself, you walked two miles to worship regardless of the weather. Your rule was that we were by your side on that walk. We thought you were too strict when you insisted that serving the Lord be first and foremost in our lives. You lived your life daily with your Saviour as your guide. Some would say your lifestyle is obsolete. In our church family I see fathers that remind me of you. Not in looks, but by living by example. I see young fathers of small children gently helping care for them.

I see fathers of older children insisting they attend the House of God instead of sleeping in or becoming engrossed in sports. I know when their children are my age they will be thankful for a Christian dad who took a stand for Jesus.

You were not a big man physically (you worked much too hard for that) but, in my eyes, you were ten feet tall. You never aspired for fame or fortune. You were, however, tremendously successful in the job God set for you. I've never forgotten the love, service, and example you set for me. I don't know if there are special honors in Heaven for great dads but I believe that one day you will take my hand again just as you did when you led me on the way to church. I'm proud to call you my dad.

Happy Father's Day
Deuteronomy 11:19

