

Dear Dad;

For some time now I have been thinking about writing a letter to you. I guess now is a good time since today is Fathers day.

For a long time I have wondered about the attitudes of some of our church members (as well as the world in general). But now I believe I understand. They just didn't have you as their father!

Whenever I see them rebelling against the way they were raised, or the way they perceive they were raised; when I see them discarding most of what they were taught and going in the opposite direction, or complaining about this and that in the church; when I see people fighting against some internal enemy, without a compass or any bearings. When I see these things, I am thankful for a father who is level-headed, cautious but not fearful, calm, confident, loving, firm, consistant and wise. Whether consciously or not, I am thankful every day for your steady, loving example. For all that might be good in me I am forever indebted to God and my parents.

I am sure somewhere in my life I have met someone who I might consider being an excellent father and who might live up to my image of you but I sure can't think of any right now!

Happy Fathers Day!

Don