

Thanks Dad

William woke up at his usual time on Sunday morning and headed for the kitchen. As he walked down the hall, he remembered that it was Father's Day. But this would be a different Father's Day than all the ones before because this would be the first one in which his 18-year-old son, who was away at college, would not be around. As he sat reading the paper, his wife brought his breakfast along with a card in a big tan envelope. He opened the card to read:

Dear Dad,

Sorry I can't be with you this year for Father's Day, but I wanted to write and thank you for a few things...

- Thanks for taking the time to teach me about life
- Thanks for catching me before I fell
- Thanks for letting me fall so I could learn to get up
- Thanks for showing me how a man should treat his wife
- Thanks for teaching me how to work hard
- Thanks for showing me a man can be strong without being mean
- Thanks for praying in front of me
- Thanks for baptizing me
- Thanks for teaching me about Jesus

*Hear, my children, the instruction of a father,
And give attention to know understanding;
Proverbs 4:1*

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