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**Title** : Rich Dad, Poor Kids at Family Reunion  
**Text** : Psalm 72:7

### Chinese New Year Blessing From God's Word – Prosperity

“In his days, the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more” (Psalm 72:7)

### The Call For Family Celebration

“Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate” (Luke 15:23b – 24)

### The Elder Son

*"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' 28 "The older brother became **angry and refused to go in**. So his father went out **and pleaded with him**"*  
(Luke 15:15:25-28)

*"But he answered his father, 'Look! **All these years I've been slaving for you** and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends"* (Luke 15:29)

*'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and **everything I have is yours.**'*  
(Luke 15:31)

### The Younger Son

*"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men' 20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. v21"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'" (Luke 15:17-21)*

### The Father's Response

*"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate"* (Luke 15:22-24)

'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours'  
(Luke 15:31)

"He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy" (Proverbs 28:13)

## Conclusion

The Father in the parable is a picture of our Heavenly Father.

In the Father's House (Father's Presence) there is great wealth.  
Outside Father's House there is poverty – the devourer is outside the house.

In the Father's House there is great rejoicing.  
Outside the Father's House there is great misery.

Let us come into the Father's House.  
The Father waits for the younger son to come home and enter the house again.  
The Father pleads with the elder son to come in – to put away self-righteousness and judgement.