

A Tale of Two Dads Outline 5th After Pentecost 2008

1. Mom remembering dad
2. The boy with two dads
3. Biological Father—the evil dad—blamed boy
4. Mom remarries—no money but basics there
5. New husband loved
6. Two dads—one fulfilled vocation of father
7. Story is example of how God loves us
8. First Article—Creator, Maker, He lays claim to us But
9. Father of Lies claims us because of sin—God has no claim
10. David—Ps. 51—conceived in sin; ---Romans: naturally enemies of God
11. Lord's Prayer—God is our Father. How?
12. We are His creation. Still claims us despite sin because He made us.
13. Claim thru death & resurrection of Jesus. Destroyed Satan's control of people.
14. All who believe are part of God's family—Romans 8—He adopts us.
15. Significant because He went out to get us despite our rebellion.
16. 2 Dads—one loves; other wants evil for us.
17. *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*—Robert Kyosaki—life lessons from 2 dads
18. Poor dad's lessons
19. Rich dad's lessons
20. Which dad makes the most sense as a mentor? Which is wiser?
21. Prudent probably choose Rich Dad. He has better advice.
22. People are ignorant of how to make Rich Dad ideas work.
23. They follow dreams and schemes—don't know how to get there.
24. Luke 15—The son who had a dream and scheme.
25. Read book—*The Devilbliss Guide to Gambling as an Investment*.
26. Northstar, Oneida, Potowotomi, Pig farm in Illinois, surrounded by Cubs and Bears fans
27. Father watched everyday out his office window at Stinky Paper Mill Products
28. Saw raggedy son walking up dusty driveway
29. Stopped business meeting with toilet paper buyers from foreign countries like Canada and Texas
30. Welcomed son home—all city fish fry at Gert's Gas and Grub
31. Son said he would work as the one who glued the end of the toilet paper to the roll
32. Instead, dad welcomed him home as his son. He was restored to his place in the family.

God our Father welcomes us each day because He loves us as His own. He looks down the road to heaven each day and says to each one of us, "I forgive you. Even though you have wandered away, have been caught up in too much drinking, have consistently used my name improperly, and a host of other things, I forgive you for Jesus' sake. Because of Jesus, you are My heir, welcome to all the treasures I have for you.

Rich Dad, Poor Dad; Loving Dad, Evil Dad. To paraphrase Joshua, "Choose this day whom you will follow." God our Father is our Rich, loving dad. Rich in forgiveness and love for us.

May we always realize just how deep and rich and pure God's forgiveness and love are for us. May we daily realize how He has changed our relationship with Him. God has rescued us from the defeat of living under the thumb of the devil, the Poor, Evil Dad of the world. Instead, God gives us life with Him, our rich and loving Dad.