

God's Upside Down Kingdom

Matthew 5:6-7

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

1. The Blessed Life Is Found In The Pursuit Of Righteousness

"I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see it's not the answer." - Jim Carrey

RIGHTEOUSNESS - "a right standing before God and right living for God"

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 5:10

2. The Blessed Life Is Found In The Gift Of Mercy

"For judgement is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgement." James 2:13

"...and forgive us debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." - Matthew 6:12-15

"Not forgiving is like drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die." -Anne Lamott, Traveling Mercies