



Some of you will remember a wonderful little Italian film that hit American box offices in 1998 titled *Life is Beautiful*. Italian actor Roberto Benigni won the Academy Award for this unconventional film that was set in the concentration camps of World War II. According to *Newsweek* magazine the exuberant Roberto Benigni, in his joy over winning the Academy Award, literally danced over the tops of chairs and leaped on stage to receive his award.

Afterwards, when reporters questioned him about this display of joyful abandon, he replied, "It's a sign of mediocrity when you demonstrate gratitude with moderation." That's a great statement—particularly this close to Christmas: "It's a sign of mediocrity when you demonstrate gratitude with moderation." This morning we want to deal with both exhib...

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