

SPEAK AND LIVE GRATITUDE

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To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven. - Johannes A. Gaertner



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We need to speak gratitude, so it can be heard, we need to demonstrate it by giving to others, so it can be seen, but we must also be grateful if we intend to touch the heart of our God! That is how I interpret the above quote that I discovered some time ago.

Sometimes easy for us to speak a word of thanks and sometimes it is easier for us to show it. However, it is sometimes a challenge to truly feel thankful towards others in the same (or similar manner) that we show thankfulness towards the Lord. Our omniscient Father God knows if we live gratitude or merely speak gratitude as a human expression one to another. Therefore, when we are called by God to

earnestly live and speak gratitude, but cannot in the manner that He expects, we have some serious inner growing to do. Our expressions of human gratefulness should be fully charged by the Spirit of God; thus leaving a greater impact on others...igniting them to live and speak gratitude from the heart.

As we strive towards change, we are challenged to honestly speak and live gratitude that will, inevitably, lead to a new growth experience.

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