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## LIVE GRATITUDE

### Johannes A. Gaertner

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

This was another heart rendering quote I discovered. 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. It is sometimes easy for us to speak a word of thanks to others. Sometimes we can show our thanks to others. However, it is sometimes hard to really **be thankful** on the inside wherein the Lord knows we are truly grateful. God has the ability to read our hearts and He knows if we live gratitude or merely speak it and demonstrate it to others as a human expression one to another. When we are not able to truly **be** grateful, as that is only given to the Lord, then we have some serious inner growing to do. Our expressions of human gratefulness will be fully charged by the Spirit of God and thus leaving a greater impact on others once we learn how to **be grateful**; in other words this is how to **live gratitude**. This challenges us however, because we believe in change, we are willing to have this new growth experience, wouldn't you agree?

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