

Week 15 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 15 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ Study Guide*]

1. In his commentary on *The Imitation of Christ*, Goodwin notes that Kempis “*has absolutely withdrawn and secluded himself not only from the cares, the sins, the trials, but from the duties, the connexions, the moral and religious fate of the world.*” Is it a sin to concentrate on our inner spiritual life to the extent we ignore the world about us? (Day 99)
2. Kempis wrote in Chapter 9, “*The devil does not sleep, nor is the flesh yet dead; therefore, you must never cease your preparation for battle, because on the right and on the left are enemies who never rest.*” Has Kempis overstated the matter? (Day 100)
3. In Chapter 10, Kempis wrote “*The saints who are greatest before God are those who consider themselves the least, and the more humble they are within themselves, so much the more glorious they are.*” If this is true, why do so many people seek to be considered “great?” (Day 103)
4. Kempis wrote in *Moments with the Consoling Christ*, that this present life would be very burdensome without God’s grace. What, if any, evidence do you see of the truth of this position? (Day 104)

The Christian Mens Breakfast group meets this Saturday and (almost) every other Saturday at a local restaurant in Davie, FL. Call Tom Truex, or use the CONTACT tab at K-Line.ORG to get more information.

Our discussion will focus on the Chapters listed below, from *The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas à Kempis.[1. The dates listed are the dates the chapters were posted online, which

also corresponds to the suggested reading plan in the study guide.]

All items listed below are online at ImitateChrist.ORG:

1. Book 2 , Chapter 9 : Wanting No Share in Comfort (April 10, 2012)
2. Book 2 , Chapter 10 : Appreciating God's Grace (April 13, 2012)

Also Posted this Week at ImitateChrist.ORG:

1. Challoner's Reflections[2. Right Rev. R. Challoner, D.D., V.A., Imitation of Christ, Dublin: McGlashan and Gill, 1873] on *The Imitation of Christ* for each of the above chapters.

Footnotes: