

Week 24: Christian Mens Breakfast: Imitate Christ

Week 24 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the Imitate Christ Study Guide]

1. Kempis wrote in INSTRUCTIONS FOR RELIGIOUS that God *"cares for us all from the beginning to the end of life, and in death. God, who made us, never abandons us, unless we forsake Him."* Is your relationship with God, such that you always feel his presense? Why? (Day 162)
2. In chapter 17, Kempis notes that God cares for us more than we care for ourselves. Is this possible? Does this loss of control frighten you? (Day 163)
3. What did John Paul II mean in CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF HOPE when he wrote, *"God is always on the side of suffering?"* (Day 164)
4. Do you agree with Kempis in chapter 165 when he writes that part of the reason Christ suffered on the Cross was so that we could learn to be patient and accept hardship without complaining? (Day 165)

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 3 , Chapter 17 : All Our Care is to Be Placed in God (June 12, 2012)

2. Book 3 , Chapter 18 : Temporal Sufferings Should Be Borne Patiently, After the Example of Christ (June 14, 2012)
3. Book 3 , Chapter 19 : True Patience in Suffering (June 16, 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: