Week 36 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 36 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

1. In chapter 44, Kempis writes, *"Behold, we bewail a temporal loss. We labor and fret for a small gain, while loss of the soul is forgotten and scarcely ever returns to mind."* Do you spend more time chasing the temporary things of this world (including life in your earthly body) than you do on your eternal soul? Why? (Day 247)
2. C.S. Lewis wrote, *"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."* Do you agree? (Day 248)
3. In chapter 45, Kempis writes, *"Rare is the friend who remains faithful through all his friend's distress. But You, Lord, and You alone, are entirely faithful in all things; other than You, there is none so faithful."* Who is your most faithful friend or relative? How does this person's reliability compare to the faithfulness of God? (Day 250)
4. Do you agree with Kempis, where he wrote in chapter 45, *"Every man, on the other hand, is a liar, weak, unstable, and likely to err…"* See Romans 3:4 (WEB). *"Yes, let God be found true, but every man a liar."* (Day 250)

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 44 : Do Not Be Concerned About Outward Things (September 4, 2012)
2. Book 3 , Chapter 45 : All Men Are Not to Be Believed, for It Is Easy to Err in Speech (September 7, 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: