Week 40: Christian Mens Breakfast: Imitate Christ

Week 40 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

1. Is life fair? Do you generally get what you deserve? (Day 274)
2. It is human nature to (i) deny we have made a mistake; and (ii) resist submission to the correction of another. Do you find yourself resisting God in this manner? (Day 275 & 276)
3. Kempis writes in chapter 53, *"if you completely conquer yourself, you will more easily subdue all other things. The perfect victory is to triumph over self."* Should we have complete control over ourselves, before we try to influence the world about us? (Day 278)
4. Kempis wrote, *"Having too many worldly possessions causes strife, and many vices."* Should we try to not have so many possessions? (Day 279)

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 52 : A Man Ought Not to Consider Himself Worthy of Consolation, But Rather Deserving of Chastisement (October 2, 2012)

2. Book 3 , Chapter 53 : God’s Grace Is Not Given to the Earthly Minded (October 5, 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: