Christian Mens Breakfast: Imitate Christ

Week 50 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

1. Should we construe Christ's Words in John 13:14-15 as instructions to wash one another's feet, in as similar manner as we partake of Holy Communion? (Day 344)
   If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. [15] For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you
2. Kempis wrote in Chapter 12 of Book 4 of The Imitation of Christ that one must prepare one's heart for Christ, as one would prepare one's home for an honored guest. How do you prepare for guests? How do you prepare your heart for Communion? (Day 345 & 346)
3. What role, if any, should the church take in determining who is permitted to partake of Holy Communion? (Day 347)
4. Have you ever refrained from assisting another person on the grounds that you did not want to get involved, or were afraid of possible negative consequences
   arising from your assistance? If so, were you justified, in view of the the parable of the good Samaritan? Are you ever justified in refraining from rendering assistance, when doing so seems dangerous or foolish? (Day 350)

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 4 , Chapter 12 : The Communicant Should Prepare Himself for Christ with Great Care (December 11, 2012)
2. Book 4 , Chapter 13 : With All Her Heart the Devout Soul Should Desire Union with Christ in the Sacrement (December 14, 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: