

Week 20 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 20 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ Study Guide*]

1. The Little Kempis says, "*Humilia te* (Humble Yourself). Humble yourself in all things, and before all persons, and you will obtain favor from all. You will be accepted by God and loved by all people." Is it REALLY your experience that humility makes all people love you? Don't many people react negatively to humility? (Day 134)
2. Kempis wrote in Chapter 7, "*It is better for you to have little than to have much which may become the source of pride.*" This is another bit of advice that seemingly works better on paper than in practice. Is Kempis' advice here intended for another time and place? (Day 135)
3. In Chapter 8, Kempis wrote, "*Left to myself, I am nothing but total weakness. But if You look upon me for an instant, I am at once made strong and filled with new joy.*" Have you noticed God making such a total transformation in your life? (Day 137)
4. Kempis wrote in Chapter 9, "*From Me the small and the great, the poor and the rich draw the water of life as from a living fountain, and they who serve Me willingly and freely shall receive grace upon grace.*" (Day 139)

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 7 : Grace Must Be Hidden Under the Mantle of Humility (May 15, 2012)
2. Book 3 , Chapter 8 : Self-Abasement in the Sight of God (May 17, 2012)
3. Book 3 , Chapter 9 : All Things should be Referred to God as their Last End (May 19, 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: