

Week 25 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

Week 25 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ Study Guide*]

1. In THE LITTLE KEMPIS, section 226, Kempis wrote, *"It is more difficult to restrain the passions, than to drive away the devil."* Similarly, in chapter 20, he wrote, *"Vicious pleasure overcomes the soul that is given to the world."* Is it really so bad to have a good time? (Days 169 & 170)
2. In chapter 20, Kempis says, *"when one trouble or temptation leaves, another comes."* Or as Kempis recites in section 235 of THE LITTLE KEMPIS, *as long as we live, we must fight the devil.* (Days 170 & 171)
3. In Chapter 21, Kempis wrote that resting with God is more important than health, beauty, honor, glory, power, dignity, knowledge, cleverness, riches, arts, joy, gladness, fame praise hope, promise... [and other things, as well]. Do you really place such a value on your relationship with God? (Day 173)
4. In SOLILOQUY OF THE SOUL, Kempis refers to God as *"My best beloved and most faithful Friend."* Is calling God Himself one's "friend" too familiar? (Day 174)

The Christian Mens Breakfast group usually meets every Saturday at a local restaurant in Davie, FL. **We are currently on summer break until the first Saturday morning after Labor Day** 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 20 : Confessing Our Weakness in the Miseries of Life (June 19, 2012)
2. Book 3 , Chapter 21 : Above All Goods and All Gifts We Must Rest in God (June 22, 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: