

Week 9 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

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.

Week 9 : 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 1 , Chapter 20 : The Love of Solitude and Silence (February 27, 2012)
2. Book 1 , Chapter 21 : Sorrow of Heart (March 2, 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.

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

1. In *The Little Kempis*, the author mentions *Dilige Solitudinem* – "Love Solitude." How important is solitude, and where do you find it? (Day 57)
2. In Chapter 20 of *The Imitation of Christ*, Kempis suggests that spending too much time with other people may be harmful. Do you agree? (Day 58)
3. In Chapter 21, Kempis cautions: "...live in the fear of the Lord, do not look for too much freedom, discipline

your senses, and shun inane silliness.” Isn’t this advice completely contrary to what popular culture teaches? (Day 61)

4. Kempis wrote in chapter 21, *“I do not doubt that you would correct yourself more earnestly if you would think more of an early death than of a long life.”* If you knew you had only a short time left in this life, would you make more of an effort to improve your spiritual life? (Day 61)

Footnotes: