

# Week 15 : Imitate Christ, Christian Mens Breakfast

**Week 15 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ Study Guide*]**

1. In his commentary on *The Imitation of Christ*, Goodwin notes that Kempis “*has absolutely withdrawn and secluded himself not only from the cares, the sins, the trials, but from the duties, the connexions, the moral and religious fate of the world.*” Is it a sin to concentrate on our inner spiritual life to the extent we ignore the world about us? (Day 99)
2. Kempis wrote in Chapter 9, “*The devil does not sleep, nor is the flesh yet dead; therefore, you must never cease your preparation for battle, because on the right and on the left are enemies who never rest.*” Has Kempis overstated the matter? (Day 100)
3. In Chapter 10, Kempis wrote “*The saints who are greatest before God are those who consider themselves the least, and the more humble they are within themselves, so much the more glorious they are.*” If this is true, why do so many people seek to be considered “great?” (Day 103)
4. Kempis wrote in *Moments with the Consoling Christ*, that this present life would be very burdensome without God’s grace. What, if any, evidence do you see of the truth of this position? (Day 104)

**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](http://ImitateChrist.ORG):**

1. Book 2 , Chapter 9 : Wanting No Share in Comfort (April 10, 2012)
2. Book 2 , Chapter 10 : Appreciating God's Grace (April 13, 2012)

**Also Posted this Week at [ImitateChrist.ORG](http://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: