Week 7 : 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 7 : 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 15 : Works Done in Charity (February 13, 2012)
2. Book 1 , Chapter 16 : Bearing with the Faults of Others (February 15, 2012)
3. Book 1 , Chapter 17 : Monastic Life (February 17, 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. Is Kempis correct when he writes in Chapter 15 that God weighs the love that prompts a charitable act as much as the deed itself? How does this view fit with the common perception that good intentions don't count for much? (Day 44)
2. Do you agree that excessively annoying others is equally

as bad as being too easily annoyed? (Day 45)

3. Kempis wrote in Chapter 16 that *“we want [other people] to be perfect, yet we do not correct our own faults.”* Is he correct? Is this just human nature? How well does this observation fit you, personally? (Day 46)
4. Should you disregard Chapter 17, which is titled *“Monastic Life,”* if you don’t live in a monastery? Though we live in a secular society, aren’t Kempis’ essential recommendations of dedication to God, service to others, refraining from idleness and gossip, and humility still valid and applicable to all. (Day 48)

Footnotes: