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."* Simularly, 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: