Week 17: Christian Mens Breakfast: Imitate Christ

Week 17 Discussion Notes:[1. References to days are from the *Imitate Christ* Study Guide]

1. In section 359 of *THE LITTLE KEMPIS*, the author wrote, *"Your conversations should be brief and devout. It is better to be silent, than to talk without caution."* Do you agree? (Day 113)
2. Kempis recommends in chapter 1 that we listen to God, and ignore the gossip and idle chatter of this world: *"Blessed are the ears that catch the accents of divine whispering, and pay no heed to the murmurings of this world."* Is this good advice? How do we put it into practice? (Day 114)
3. Kempis urges in section 197 of *THE LITTLE KEMPIS*, *"It is difficult to take time, and exercise moderation, with every word you use and every duty you perform."* Is this advice a recipe for never getting ahead in today's world? (Day 115)
4. In chapter 2, Kempis says God alone can perfectly instruct us. Without God, not even the the great prophets could instruct us. (Day 117)

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:

1. Book 3 , Chapter 1 : The Inward Conversation of Christ with the Faithful Soul (April 24, 2012)
2. Book 3 , Chapter 2 : Truth Speaks Inwardly Without the Sound of Words (April 27, 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: