Week 5 : 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 5 : 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 11 : Acquiring Peace and Zeal for Perfection (January 30, 2012)
2. Book 1 , Chapter 12 : The Value of Adversity (February 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. Kempis was born in a small town in about 1380 A.D. Would it be possible for a modern person to write a book remotely similar to "The Imitation of Christ"? (Day 29)
2. Note the life goals of *The Brotherhood of Common Life.* Which of these pursuits are desirable or even possible for modern Christians? (Day 29)
3. What does Kempis mean when he writes, *"Resist*

temptations in the beginning, and unlearn the evil habit lest perhaps, little by little, it lead to a more evil one.” Have you found this to be true in your experiences? (Day 30)

4. Is Kempis correct when he writes, *“It is good for us sometimes to suffer contradiction, to be misjudged by men even though we do well and mean well. These things help us to be humble and shield us from [becoming vain].” (Day 33)*

Footnotes: