

Multiple Components Comprise the Epicurean Life

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A. The ultimate goal that I would like to choose for myself is to live joyously and sweetly.

B. The guide to my living joyously and sweetly is to use pleasure which is governed by wisdom and reason.

So for me it is to pursue pleasure when governed by reason and wisdom. And to be kind to myself when I make errors in judgement (which invariably will happen). Or, if at times I act out of impulse (without considering the consequences of my actions) then I shouldn't be surprised by the chance of experiencing unexpected consequences which may lead to less joy and less sweetness.

I think you know more than you think you do.

A. Yes! Agreed! 😊

B. Yes, although I'd suggest a slight edit...

Using wisdom and reason, I make choices to pursue my goal of living joyously and sweetly (i.e., pleurably).

Wisdom and reason in this case are *instrumental* goods used to work toward the *highest* good of living joyously and sweetly.

As to your last part, Epicurus had this to say:

"some things happen of necessity, others by chance, others through our own agency."