

# Catherine Wilson's January 2021 article: "Why Epicureanism, Not Stoicism, Is The Philosophy We Need Now"

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## [Quote from Elayne](#)

Don you did say [PD10](#) was about taking responsibility though-- but that's only in service of pleasure. So that would not be a reason to turn down a true bliss for you pill in an environment free of threats, if you believed it was as advertised.

Yes. Each of us is responsible for our own pleasure through the choices and avoidances each of us decide to follow.

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Don then maybe I misunderstood what you said about "teaching us limits"-- because he didn't use it that way.

PD 10 does explicitly say that "*if, further, they* [that which is productive of pleasures to profligate persons] *taught them to limit their desires* [then] we should not have any reason to censure such persons,..."

So, Epicurus is saying the profligate don't learn to limit their desires and so we should have reason to censure them.

It's actually phrased not as an infinitive "to limit" but:

If, furthermore, "that which produces profligate pleasures" taught '[the limit \(τὸ πέρας\)](#)' of desires/yearnings/lusts' ( [τῶν ἐπιθυμιῶν](#)) etc."