

# Kungi's Natural and Necessary Discussion

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[Quote from Don](#)

Wealth for wealth's sake is empty.

I think that formulation can't be repeated often enough.

Any "X" for the sake of "X" is going to be empty, foolish, wrong-headed, or all sorts of negative words.

There is nothing in the rigorous application of Epicurean philosophy (or good reasoning in general, once a goal is defined) that is worth pursuing for the sake of itself other than pleasure.

I think that issue is probably behind a lot of the issues in formulation that we are coming up with. I think Epicurus was rigorously and ruthlessly logical on this point -- NOTHING can substitute for the ultimate goal other than "the feeling of pleasure" because that is the only guide that Nature gave us for what to choose.