

Episode One Hundred Thirty Eight - Letter to Menoecus 5 - Pleasure Part One

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

VS34. It is not so much our friends' help that helps us, as it is the confidence of their help.

I was expecting elpis "hope" for confidence here but it ends up being pisteōs "trust" (related to "epistemology" ie, study of what you can trust)

I'm getting hung up on the differences and shades of meaning of:

Desire

Anticipation

Hope

Want

and all the similar words both in English and Greek that have to do with looking forward to something pleasurable (or wanting to escape something painful)

It seems to me at least that there's a distinction that should be important. What does it mean to desire something as opposed to just wanting or anticipating or having confidence in something.

Desire has such a sexual connotation now in English it's hard to disassociate it from that.

Anyway, that's where my head is currently.