

Cicero Attributing To Epicurus The View That Virtuous Action Is Itself Pleasurable

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Don't get hung up on Bailey's "occupation."

The word is ἐπιτηδευμάτων.

It seems to me to be more general. Yes, it can be a job or occupation, but Woodhouse gives the range of meanings:

Woodhouse, S. C. (1910) English-Greek Dictionary: A Vocabulary of the Attic Language[1], London: Routledge & Kegan Paul Limited.

avocation idem, page 55.

business idem, page 106.

calling idem, page 109.

career idem, page 113.

custom idem, page 191.

employment idem, page 269.

habit idem, page 380.

hobby idem, page 402.

institution idem, page 447.

occupation idem, page 568.

practice idem, page 631.

profession idem, page 653.

pursuit idem, page 659.

routine idem, page 723.

study idem, page 829.

trade idem, page 885.

vocation idem, page 955.

work idem, page 988.

Basically, it seems it's anything that can occupy one's time.