

# Did Epicurus Advise Marriage or Not? Diogenes Laertius Text Difficulty

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Regarding part of that section, here is how White (2021) translates:

"119 **Moreover, the wise man will both marry and have children**, as Epicurus says in *Perplexities* and in *On Nature*; he will marry at a time suited to his circumstances in life, and some will refuse to do so. However, he will not chatter away over drink, says Epicurus in the *Symposium*. Nor will he participate in government, as in *On Lives* Book 1; nor will he be a tyrant. nor will he act like a Cynic, as in *On Lives* Book 2; nor will he go begging. But even if his sight is impaired, he will not take his own life, as he says in the same work. also the wise man will feel sorrow, says Diogenes in *Selections* Book 5; and he will go to court, and he will leave behind writings, but he will not deliver ceremonial addresses."