

Article on the "Letter to Marcella" by Porphyry

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[Quote from Mike Anyayahan](#)

Ascending seems too ascetic for my **passionate** character.

From Diogenes Laertius:

He will be more deeply moved by feelings, but this will not prove an obstacle to wisdom. *A man cannot become wise with every kind of physical constitution, nor in every nation.*

I thought of that because of your comment about a passionate character, which seems to me to be consistent with being "more deeply moved by feelings."

After finding it and seeing the next sentence, I wonder if the thoughts are not related, and in fact I wonder if it is possible for a person who does not feel deeply to become wise! The apathetic distant diffident spirit may be among the types of physical constitutions that are obstacles to the wise pursuit of proper living according to Nature (which we can identify with being in touch with and wisely following our feelings).