

"Choice" and "Avoidance"

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I **think** I know the answer, but I'm going to throw this out there on this thread. No doubt I will engender some responses. 😊

Here is my query:

IF our "Choices and Rejections" make it possible for us to discern and decide which pleasures to choose and which pains to reject (and vice versa), is the "**faculty**" that ***allows* us to make those choices and rejections** (wisdom? prudence?) more important than the pleasures themselves? Or are the **pleasures themselves** (once they are chosen) that will lead to more pleasures the important part?

In other words: The Goal, the Telos, the Greatest Good is Pleasure; BUT the way to achieve the goal - the way to walk the path - is through the wisdom to make those choices and rejections. Pleasure = Goal; Wisdom (to make choices/rejections) = Instrumental Means... like Virtue is a Means to the Goal.

Have I answered my own question? Thoughts?