

# Characteristics of the Wise Man, 1-9 Rough Draft of Outline

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I think you may be on to something here, [Godfrey](#) . If I hear you right, the pursuit of pleasure (Jefferson's pursuit of happiness) is the important part. As long as we are making choices that point us in the direction of our (subjective) pleasure, we're doing it right in the moment even if we're experiencing pain in that moment.

I found Fragment 68 to be applicable:

Quote

68. To those who are able to reason it out, the highest and surest joy is found in the stable health of the body and a firm confidence in keeping it.

According to this then, from my interpretation, the "highest... joy (pleasure)" is defined as stable health and the confidence in maintaining it. We make choices to achieve this.