

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

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I'd refer that fragment to PD3:

Quote

The limit of enjoyment is the removal of all pains. Wherever and for however long pleasure is present, there is neither bodily pain nor mental distress.

The key, I think, is the second sentence. We pursue pleasure, and do it wisely. That's something that we can control. Despite our best efforts we can't assure our good health: Epicurus was an example of that, but he still lived a life of pleasure. If he had had stable health and a firm confidence in keeping it, he would have reached the limit of pleasure.