

Beyond Endurance

— Let's update our values and live a joyful life —

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Do you believe in the idea that good things come if you just endure hardship? That you
5 shouldn't complain, even when you're struggling? In other words, the belief that
“endurance is a virtue”? This belief is quite old and probably feels out of place—or
even unpleasant—for many people living in today's world. What are your thoughts on
this?

Not too long ago, this kind of thinking was widely accepted and used as a guiding
10 principle in many areas of life. Some people even pushed themselves so far that they
ended up with serious health problems. I remember one person who said, “I'm so
frustrated,” and then disappeared from the company as if nothing had happened.

Today, we're surrounded by digital tools like social media. If you say something like
“endurance is a virtue,” people might just respond with, “That's so outdated.”

15 To be clear, enduring pain or stress doesn't necessarily lead to anything good. The
words you accept and the food you eat today can directly affect your body. I hope that
you realize—sooner rather than later—that the greatest happiness lies in taking care of
your own health. Ironically, it's often the people who say, “What are you talking
about?” who need to update their values the most.



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