

Lesson 12: Key to the Composition

1) Eratosthenes¹ was hoping to persuade² the citizens not to kill him.

S V fut infin DO inf DO of inf

Ἐρατοσθένης ἤλπιζε πείσειν τοὺς πολίτας μὴ ἀποκτείνειν ἑαυτὸν / αὐτόν.

2) Terrible things never happened to us, nor³ will they happen.

.....S..... adv V IOV.....

δενὶ οὐποτε ἐγένετο ἡμῖν οὐδὲ γενήσεται.

indirect statement

3) [Therefore it is necessary⁴] (that we live⁵ life righteously.)

.V..... S in acc V=infin DO of inf adv

δεῖ οὖν ἡμᾶς διαγείν τὸν βίον δικαίως.

indirect statement

4 [That ignorant politician said] (that Socrates is not a wise man⁶).

S V S V PN

indirect statement

He does not know (that that philosopher wanted to teach the young men)

.....S + V..... S V compl infin DO of infin

indirect statement

(that life without⁷ philosophy is not worthy of mention⁸.)

S in acc ἄνευ + gen V pr acc gen

οὗτος ὁ ἀπαίδευτος ῥήτωρ ἔλεξε ὅτι Σωκράτης οὐκ ἐστὶ σοφὸς ἀνὴρ.

οὐ γινώσκει ὅτι οὗτος γὰρ ὁ φιλόσοφος ἐβούλετο διδάσκειν τοὺς νεανίας

τὸν βίον ἄνευ φιλοσοφίας οὐκ εἶναι ἄξιον λόγου.

5)) You must carry out all these things, if you want others to carry them out.

ind statem = S of impersonal V condition indirect command

It is necessary (that you carry out all these things), (if you want ((others to carry them out)))

.....V S in acc V = infinDO..... S V S in accinfin.....

δεῖ σε πράσσειν πάντα τάδε, εἰ βούλη ἄλλους πράσσειν αὐτά.

6) There is pleasure in perceiving⁹ beautiful things and in doing good deeds.

.....V..... S ἐν + dat of infin DO of infin ἐν + dat of infin DO of infin

ἡδονή ἐστι ἐν τῷ αἰσθάνεσθαι καλὰ καὶ ἐν τῷ πράσσειν καλὰ ἔργα.

indirect statement

7) Did you (pl) say (that you were seeking¹⁰ good proverbs) but

S + V S V DO

((/that))//these proverbs were not sufficient for you?) They are indeed¹¹ sufficient for me.

S V PN IO S+V PN IO

ἄρ' ἔλεξες ὅτι ζητεῖς καλὰς γνώμας ἀλλὰ αὖται αἱ γνώμαι οὐκ εἰσὶν ἱκαναί σοι;

ἱκαναὶ δὴ μοι εἰσιν.

¹ Ἐρατοσθένης

² Verbs meaning “to hope, promise, etc.,” because they imply the future, take a future infinitive.

³ οὐδέ

⁴ Use ἀνάγκη (with ἐστίν implicit)

⁵ διάγω

⁶ ἀπαίδευτος, ος, ον

⁷ ἄνευ + genitive

⁸ λόγος

⁹ αἰσθάνομαι

¹⁰ ζητέω > ὦ

¹¹ δῆ