

## Examples of the genitive of comparison

φίλοι, γυναικὸς δαίμον' εὐτυχέστερον  
τούμου νομίζω, καίπερ οὐ δοκοῦνθ' ὅμως.

*Friends, my wife's fate is better than mine, I think, although it doesn't seem so.*

Euripides Alcestis 935-6

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ᾧ δέσποτ' Αἴας, τῆς ἀναγκαίας τύχης  
οὐκ ἔστιν οὐδὲν μείζον ἀνθρώποις κακόν.

*Ajax, my lord, mankind has no greater suffering than the inevitability of destiny.*

Sophocles Ajax 485-6

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Σωκράτης: τὸ γάρ που κακῶς ποιεῖν ἀνθρώπους τοῦ ἀδικεῖν οὐδὲν διαφέρει.

*Socrates: For doing evil to people is the same thing as wronging them.*

Plato Crito 49c

βιάζεσθαι δὲ οὐχ ὅσιον οὔτε μητέρα οὔτε πατέρα, πολὺ δὲ τούτων ἔτι ἧττον τὴν πατρίδα

*It is impious to use violence against either your father or your mother, and much more impious to use it against your country*

Plato Crito 51c

τί τοῦδ' ἂν εὐρημ' ἠῦρον εὐτυχέστερον  
ἢ παῖδα γῆμαι βασιλέως φυγὰς γεγώς;

*What better luck could I have found than marrying the daughter of the king, though an exile?*

Euripides Medea 553-4

ὕμεις δὲ σκέψασθε ὅσον ἂν καὶ τοῦτο ἀμαρτάνοιτε Κλέωνι πειθόμενοι.

*Only consider what a blunder you would commit in doing as Cleon recommends.*

Thucydides The Peloponnesian War 3.47