

Examples of the gerundive

καὶ τὰ τε εἰσφερόμενα ἀποδεκτέον καὶ ἃ μὲν ἂν αὐτῶν δέῃ δαπανᾶν σοὶ διανεμητέον,
ἃ δ' ἂν περιττεύειν δέῃ, προνοητέον καὶ φυλακτέον ὅπως μὴ ἢ εἰς τὸν ἐνιαυτὸν
κειμένη δαπάνη εἰς τὸν μῆνα δαπανᾶται.

You must also take in the income and hand out what needs to be spent. You need to look after whatever's left over and you need to make sure that the amount to be spent in a year is not spent in a month.

Xenophon Economics 7.36

σκοπεῖσθαι οὖν χρὴ ἡμᾶς εἴτε ταῦτα πρακτέον εἴτε μή·

So we must examine the question whether we ought to do this or not;

Plato Crito 46b

ταύτη ἄρα αὐτῷ πρακτέον καὶ γυμναστέον καὶ ἐδεστέον γε καὶ ποτέον, ἧ ἂν τῷ ἐνὶ
δοκῇ, τῷ ἐπιστάτῃ καὶ ἐπαΐοντι, μᾶλλον ἢ ἢ σύμπασι τοῖς ἄλλοις.

He must act and exercise and eat and drink as the one man who is his director and who knows the business thinks best rather than as all the others think.

Plato Crito 47b

σκόπει εἰ ἔτι μένει ἡμῖν ἢ οὐ, ὅτι οὐ τὸ ζῆν περὶ πλείστου ποιητέον ἀλλὰ τὸ εὖ ζῆν.

See whether we still hold to this, or not, that it is not living, but living well which we ought to consider most important.

Plato Crito 48b

Σωκράτης: οὐκοῦν ἐκ τῶν ὁμολογουμένων τοῦτο σκεπτέον, πότερον δίκαιον ἐμὲ ἐνθένδε πειρᾶσθαι ἐξιέναι μὴ ἀφιέντων Ἀθηναίων ἢ οὐ δίκαιον·

Socrates: Then we agree that the question is whether it is right for me to try to escape from here without the permission of the Athenians, or not right.

Plato Crito 48c

πότερον ἂν τις ὁμολογήσῃ τῷ δίκαια ὄντα ποιητέον ἢ ἐξαπατητέον;

ought a man to do what he has agreed to do, provided it is right, or may he violate his agreements?

Plato Crito 49e

Μήδεια: ὦμωξά δ' οἶον ἔργον ἔστ' ἐργαστέον

τοῦντεῦθεν ἡμῖν· τέκνα γὰρ κατακτενῶ

τᾶμ'· οὐτίς ἔστιν ὅστις ἐξαίρησεται·

I lament at the act I must now commit. I will kill my children. Nobody can stop me.

Euripides Medea 791-3