

Point of Contrast #15

## ENTITLEMENT

Your insistence on gratification

Girl-Gone-Wild

Demands Gratification

“Come, let us take our fill of love  
till morning; let us delight  
ourselves with love.”  
Proverbs 7:18

Girl-Gone-Wise

Forfeits Gratification

She denies herself and takes up her  
cross daily and follows Jesus.  
Luke 9:23\*

*In the “Girls Gone Wise” book, read the fifteenth point of contrast between the Wild Thing and the Wise Thing (pages 199-206), and then answer the following questions:*

1. What are the things that culture says you deserve? Check all that apply:

- It tells me that I deserve do what I want.
- It tells me that I deserve to get what I want
- It tells me that I deserve to have fun
- It tells me that I deserve to feel good
- It tells me that I deserve gratify my desires
- It tells me that I deserve to have life be easy & painfree
- It tells me that I deserve to be loved
- It tells me that I deserve to be happy
- It tells me that I deserve to indulge myself

Can you think of anything else it says you deserve?

2. The following statement describes the Wild Thing: “Enjoyment, comfort, luxury, and ease are what she feels she deserves and what she constantly seeks and demands.” Put a mark on the scale to indicate how closely this description characterizes you.

Not Me

Totally Me

3. What’s wrong with having an attitude of entitlement?
4. Explain what you think Scripture means when it says that “She who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.” (1 Timothy 5:6)?
5. What’s the connection between a woman’s willingness to suffer and deny self and her ability to overcome sin?
6. What is it that would make you willing to live a life of self-sacrifice?
7. Do you truly believe that treasuring Christ holds greater pleasure than sex, wealth, comfort, power, and prestige? Are you willing to forego worldly gratification? Are you willing to deny self and suffer so that the True and Sovereign Joy, “sweeter than all pleasure” can take the place of all lesser pleasures? Do you uphold Jesus and His Kingdom as the Pearl of Great Price? Write out a prayer, asking the Lord to help you treasure Him more, and to increase your willingness to “take up your cross” and follow Him: