

Point of Contrast #6

FOCUS

What Commands Your Attention



“ . . . she lies in wait.”
Proverbs 7:12



“She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands
to the needy.”
Proverbs 31:20

In the “Girls Gone Wise” book, read the sixth point of contrast between the Wild Thing and the Wise Thing (pages 83-92), and then answer the following questions:

1. In the space below, make a list of things that women commonly desire:

2. At what point does the pursuit of a legitimate desire change from being wise to wild? Check all that apply:
 - When getting what we want becomes an obsession.
 - When the pursuit of what we want consumes all our time and energy.
 - When we stake our identity or happiness on getting what we want.
 - When we neglect other things we ought to be doing.
 - When we try to meet a legitimate need in an illegitimate way.
 - When chasing what we want distracts us from our mission and calling.
 - When our own needs are all we can see or think about.
 - Other:

3. How is the behavior of a predatory animal similar to the behavior of a Girl-Gone-Wild?

4. Describe a time when you went “wild” in pursuing a desire. Which of the behaviors listed in question 2 did you exhibit?

5. Proverbs 1:17-18 indicates that lying in wait sucks the life out of a predator, and that she will ultimately hurt herself. How have you (or how might you) hurt yourself by lying in wait?

6. Is your focus where it ought to be? How do you know?

7. How can you avoid the “getting”, me-focus of the Girl-Gone-Wild?

8. What Kingdom-business can you do this week? Ask the Lord for an opportunity to “give,” then keep your eyes open and seize the opportunity when it comes. In the space below, describe how you “gave” and note how it made you feel. Did looking out for the needs of others change your focus? Did it pull your attention away from lying in wait?