



The Wild Thing of Proverbs 7 20 Points of Contrast

Look carefully then how you walk, not as wild but as wise.*
Ephesians 5:15

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| 1 | Heart | <i>Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol; she does not ponder the path of life</i> | What holds first place in her affections | Wild: Christ is peripheral Wise: Christ is central |
| 2 | Counsel | <i>She does not ponder the path of life; her ways wander, and she does not know it...</i> | Where she gets her instruction | Wild: World Instructed Wise: Word Instructed |
| 3 | Approach | <i>A woman meets him, wily of heart</i> | Who directs her love story | Wild: Self-Manipulated Wise: God-Orchestrated |
| 4 | Attitude | <i>She is loud and wayward</i> | Her Prevailing Disposition | Wild: Clamorous & Defiant Wise: Gentle, Calm, Amenable |
| 5 | Habits | <i>Her feet do not stay at home; now in the street, now in the market, and at every corner</i> | Her Priorities and Routines | Wild: Self Indulgent Wise: Self-Disciplined |
| 6 | Focus | <i>She lies in wait</i> | What commands her attention | Wild: Getting Wise: Giving |
| 7 | Appearance | <i>dressed as a prostitute</i> | How she adorns herself | Wild: Unbecoming, Indecent, Excessive Wise: Becoming, Decent, Moderate |
| 8 | Body Language | <i>graceful and of deadly charms.</i> | Her nonverbal behaviour | Wild: Suggestive Wise: Demure |
| 9 | Roles | <i>She seizes him ...He follows her.</i> | Her pattern of interaction | Wild: Inclined to Dominate Wise: Inclined to Follow |
| 10 | Sexuality | <i>She kisses him.</i> | Her sexual behaviour | Wild: Dishonourable Wise: Honourable |
| 11 | Boundaries | <i>In the twilight, in the evening, at the time of night and darkness.</i> | Her hedges and precautions | Wild: Leaves herself susceptible Wise: Safeguards herself |
| 12 | Authenticity | <i>And with bold face she says to him, I had to offer sacrifices, and today I have paid my vows.</i> | Her public versus private persona | Wild: Two-faced Wise: Genuine |
| 13 | Neediness | <i>So now I have come out to meet you, to seek you eagerly</i> | Who she depends on to fulfill her longings | Wild: Depends on Man Wise: Depends on God |
| 14 | Possessions | <i>I have spread my couch with coverings, colored linens from Egyptian linen.</i> | How she handles her money and resources | Wild: Circumspect Wise: Indulgent |
| 15 | Entitlement | <i>Come, let us take our fill of love, let us delight ourselves with love.</i> | Her insistence on gratification | Wild: Demands Gratification Wise: Forfeits Gratification |
| 16 | Reliability | <i>For my husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey</i> | Her faithfulness to commitments | Wild: Undependable Wise: Dependable |
| 17 | Speech | <i>With much seductive speech, with her smooth talk.</i> | Her speech habits | Wild: Excessive, duplicitous, manipulative Wise: Restrained, sincere, without guile |
| 18 | Influence | <i>She persuades him. She compels him.</i> | Her impact on others & their impact on her | Wild: Positive Influence Wise: Negative Influence |
| 19 | Sustainability | <i>Many a victim she laid low, all her slain are a mighty throng.</i> | Her ability to nurture & sustain relationships | Wild: Relationships Grow Wise: Relationships Deteriorate |
| 20 | Teachability | <i>She listens to no voice; she accepts no correction.</i> | Her willingness to be corrected & instructed | Wild: Scornful Wise: Teachable |