

Point of Contrast #13

NEEDINESS

Who you depend on to fulfill your longings

Girl-Gone-Wild

Depends on Man

“So now I have come out to meet you,
to seek you eagerly, and I have
found you.”
Proverbs 7:15

Girl-Gone-Wise

Depends on God

She delights in the Lord,
and He will give her her heart's desires.
Psalm 37:4*

In the “Girls Gone Wise” book, read the thirteenth point of contrast between the Wild Thing and the Wise Thing (pages 181-189), and then answer the following questions:

1. “Some women are so needy for attention and affirmation that they cling to men like plastic wrap to a piece of raw meat.” Does this description fit anybody you know? What are some symptoms of neediness that you have observed in your friends (or in yourself)?
2. What are some life circumstances or experiences that might contribute to a woman’s sense of neediness?
3. What are some legitimate needs that a girl might look to a guy to meet?

4. Do you agree that for most women, romance is their “god”? Explain why or why not.

5. What’s the problem with looking to men (or to “things”) to meet the needs of our hearts?

6. Copy the C.S. Lewis quote from page 188. Have you ever thought that if only you would meet that “someone” or get that “something” your heart’s desire would be satisfied?

7. Every person has “inconsolable” longings that cannot be satisfied by any earthly relationship. Think of a time when you felt that deep “Sehnsucht” soul-longing. Describe what it felt like.

8. Looking to man to give what only God can supply is an exercise in futility, frustration, and pain. Take an honest look inside. Have you pinned the desires of your heart to the right hope? Are you clinging to a relationship (or the hope of a relationship) to meet your deepest needs? What are you clinging to?

9. Read Jeremiah 17:5-8. How can you fight against the pull toward depending on relationships and other things to meet your needs? How can you stop trying to squeeze water out of those stale, leaky cisterns, and turn, instead, to drink from the pure clear spring of God?