

Point of Contrast #17

## SPEECH

Your speech habits

Girl-Gone-Wild

Excessive, Duplicitous,  
Manipulative

“With much seductive speech she  
persuades him;with her smooth talk  
she compels him.”  
Proverbs 7:21

Girl-Gone-Wise

Restrained, Sincere,  
Without Guile

She keeps her tongue from evil and her  
lips from speaking guile.  
1 Peter 3:10\*

*In the “Girls Gone Wise” book, read the seventeenth point of contrast between the Wild Thing and the Wise Thing (pages 217-225), and then answer the following questions:*

1. Download and take the Conversation Peace quiz from the [girlsgonewise.com](http://girlsgonewise.com) website. Circle the numbers beside the three main areas in which your speech needs improvement. What are they?
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2. What are some differences you’ve noticed between the way men and women talk and communicate?
3. When it comes to communication, who would you say is better at it- girls or guys?  
Explain why.

4. The Proverbs 7 woman was a talker. When she wanted to bag the young man, she resorted to “much” speech. According to the Bible, what’s the problem with talking excessively?
  
5. If you were to evaluate your own pattern of interaction in interpersonal relationships, would you say you talk excessively, or do you exercise restraint? Put a mark on the scale to indicate your tendency toward “much” speech.

I talk excessively

I exercise restraint

6. In your own words, explain what is meant by the phrase “sweet talk.” (“smooth talker”)
  
7. Describe a time when you’ve used “sweet talk” or flattery as a manipulative weapon to get what you want.
  
8. What’s the problem with doing this?
  
9. How can you tell the difference between a legitimate compliment and flattery?
  
10. How can using words to beguile, control and manipulate a man backfire on a woman? How has it backfired on you?
  
11. How difficult do you think it would be for you to rid yourself of manipulative speech, restrain your words, and speak with sincerity, clarity, and honesty? Why? What can you do to take a step in the right direction?