

Point of Contrast #19

## SUSTAINABILITY

Your ability to nurture and sustain a relationship

Girl-Gone-Wild

Relationships Deteriorate

“For many a victim she laid low,  
And all her slain are a mighty throng.”  
Proverbs 7:26

Girl-Gone-Wise

Relationships Grow

“The wisest of women builds her house,  
but folly with her own hands  
tears it down.”  
Proverbs 14:1

*In the “Girls Gone Wise” book, read the nineteenth point of contrast between the Wild Thing and the Wise Thing (pages 237-246), and then answer the following questions:*

1. Why do you think women get caught in the revolving door of failed relationships?
2. Do you think that a Christian woman’s disregard for God’s ways is mostly intentional or unintentional?
3. What life circumstances and experiences might make it more difficult for a woman to respect God’s pattern and approach to male-female relationships?

4. If a woman has had difficult life experiences, feels wounded and needy, and has gone through several failed relationships, what do you think she needs in order to be willing and able to do things God's way?
  
5. Do you think that a wounded heart increases a woman's self-centeredness? Do you think it increases her propensity to "use" men? Or to cling to them in neediness? Why or why not?
  
6. What are some ways in which women and our culture disrespect men?
  
7. Why do you think we so disrespect them?
  
8. Describe a time when you have demonstrated a lack of respect, or noticed a disrespectful attitude in your spirit.
  
9. How is disrespect for men a sign of disrespect for God?
  
10. Relationships are a two-way street, and God expects men to do their part. But what kind of an impact do you think it would have on the success and sustainability of your relationships if you were to demonstrate the proper respect for God and for others?

If you have been caught in the door of revolving relationships, ask the Lord to help you understand why. Do you need Him to heal an old wound? Do you need to turn to Him rather than men for validation? Are you failing to respect God's way of doing things? Are you gravitating toward the wrong kind of man? Seek out some wise counsel and get prayer to help you understand and break free of the revolving-door pattern.