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The Cure for a Foolish Heart

Proverbs 22:10-16 ¹⁰Drive out the mocker, and conflict will depart; even quarreling and insults will cease. ¹¹He who loves a pure heart and gracious lips will have the king for a friend. ¹²The LORD's eyes keep watch over knowledge, but He frustrates the words of the faithless. ¹³The slacker says, "There is a lion outside! I will be slain in the streets!" ¹⁴The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit; he who is under the wrath of the LORD will fall into it. ¹⁵Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him. ¹⁶Oppressing the poor to enrich oneself or giving gifts to the rich will surely lead to poverty. (BSB)

Intro: There is a current battle between two philosophies of human nature.

1. Mankind is born basically **good**.
2. Mankind is born with a bent for **evil**.

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. Dealing with the divisive person is key in resolving **conflict**. V. 10
- B. People in **authority** like being friendly with kind worded people who have pure motives. V. 11
- C. **Character** is important when imparting knowledge to others. V. 12
- D. Fear of the **possible** should not be used as an excuse for not doing what we know that we should be doing. V. 13
- E. Sexual sin is a **trap** for those who are under the wrath of God. V. 14
- F. We are born with a bent toward **foolishness**. Loving discipline is essential in raising godly children. V. 15
- G. God demands **fairness** from His people. We will reap what we sow. V. 16

II. Let's pray through every verse and seek God for wisdom in these areas.