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**The Cure for a Foolish Heart**

**Proverbs 22:10-16** <sup>10</sup>Drive out the mocker, and conflict will depart; even quarreling and insults will cease. <sup>11</sup>He who loves a pure heart and gracious lips will have the king for a friend. <sup>12</sup>The LORD's eyes keep watch over knowledge, but He frustrates the words of the faithless. <sup>13</sup>The slacker says, "There is a lion outside! I will be slain in the streets!" <sup>14</sup>The mouth of an adulteress is a deep pit; he who is under the wrath of the LORD will fall into it. <sup>15</sup>Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him. <sup>16</sup>Oppressing 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Mankind is born with a bent for \_\_\_\_\_.

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. Dealing with the divisive person is key in resolving \_\_\_\_\_. V. 10
- B. People in \_\_\_\_\_ like being friendly with kind worded people who have pure motives. V. 11
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ is important when imparting knowledge to others. V. 12
- D. Fear of the \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ for those who are under the wrath of God. V. 14
- F. We are born with a bent toward \_\_\_\_\_. Loving discipline is essential in raising godly children. V. 15
- G. God demands \_\_\_\_\_ 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.