Introduction

Proverbs 4 is a call to walk with God and seek his wisdom in everything we do.

Wisdom

I. Wisdom is like a good mate.
Proverbs 4:1-9

God’s wisdom is available to all, but there is a responsibility on our part to listen and apply it. No one else can do that for you.

Wisdom is supreme. Verse 7
Wisdom is personified like a woman of great worth.

The language for acquiring wisdom is like a good courtship.

- Love her.
- Esteem her.
- Embrace her.
- Do not forsake her.

There is something of great value here.

“...The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

Wisdom

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”

Matthew 13:44-46
If wisdom is like a courtship, how do I show God that I love him? Do I value God and his word? Do I value the time I spend with him?

II. Wisdom is like a good and safe path. Proverbs 4:10-19

The way of wisdom is like a straight path. Verses 10-12 and 18

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105

The way of the wicked is like deep darkness. Verses 13-17 and 19

This isn’t a matter of preferences and any path will do. This is a matter of life and death. Am I careful where I walk?

III. Wisdom is like a good heart. Proverbs 4:20-27

“Pay attention… listen closely to my words… for they are life and health.”

“Above all else, guard your heart.” Protect it like a treasure. Guard what you put into it.

“For out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.” Matthew 12:34

Wisdom
When we come to know Christ and see how much he loves us, following him is the most rational thing to do.

Conclusion
Wisdom is like a good mate. They make all of life better.
Wisdom is like a good path. It gives safety and direction.
Wisdom is like a good heart. It brings health to the whole body.