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**MasterClass: Expert advice on living well**  
**Hokma**  
Proverbs 1  
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The purpose of the Proverbs is to help us learn the **skill** of **living well**. (1 Kings 3:5-14; Proverbs 1:1-6)

Everybody has **hokma** in the area of their **giftedness**. (Exodus 35:30-35; Proverbs 1:7; 17:22)

**Solomon's Paradox:** *One's ability to reason more sensibly about someone else's problems than one's own.*

The problem is that I can't fully **trust myself** in **matters of me**. (Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 7:18; Galatians 5:17; Proverbs 1:8-19)

- My **feelings** are **lousy leaders**, (Proverbs 6:20-22; 16:9; 18:12)  
but they are **marvelous mirrors**. (Proverbs 18:12)
- My **perspective** is **biased**, (Proverbs 1:20-33)  
but often **others** can see my **blind spots**. (Proverbs 18:1; 26:12; 23:26; 27:17)

The solution of Proverbs is to treat **life** like a **hokma**.

- I need **coaches**.
- I need **practice**.
- I need **a team**.
- I need **a new kind of hokma**. (Matthew 12:42)