

# Second Glance

## 7/23/23 “Being Good Enough”

Romans 4:2–3 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

1. Abraham was declared righteous. When was it counted to him?
2. Did Abraham stop sinning?
3. How could he sin and be counted as righteous?

Proverbs 16:1-5 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. <sup>2</sup>All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit. <sup>3</sup>Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. <sup>4</sup>The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. <sup>5</sup>Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished.

1. According to Proverbs 16:1-5, what areas of our life come under the authority of God?
2. What other areas come under God’s sovereignty?

Proverbs 16:6–9 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil. <sup>7</sup>When a man’s ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. <sup>8</sup>Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice. <sup>9</sup>The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.

3. What should be our response to God’s sovereignty & authority over all things?

DISCUSSION:

4. When have you felt not “good enough”:
  - a. For other people?
  - b. For God?
5. How do these passages speak to those situations?