

Judging others

Christ said that we as true believers should not judge others unlovingly and unjustly. However, He said we should judge people's sin using discernment with regards to righteous living (lifestyle) and Biblical doctrine, if they are in error. We are to never compromise and condone sin! If a true believer does not lovingly correct and discipline other people, both believers and unbelievers, in this manner, he / she is actually doing nothing to prevent believers from backsliding and unbelievers from ending up in Hell! True believers are commanded to be the 'salt' and 'light' in this fallen, dark and depraved world. We are to be the difference, and make a difference.

Forgiveness from God is not permission to sin, especially when the person committing sin is supposedly a mature believer, and knows all too well that he / she is sinning, but does so anyway. In the Bible (John 8:1-11), Christ said to the woman who had committed adultery that her sins were forgiven, but that she should "Go and sin no more." (John 8:11) He did not say to her that she should keep on sinning, and then merely ask for forgiveness each time!
