It is easy to be critical of someone when we hear what they supposedly said or did that we think is wrong, or is something we don't like. But how many times are we judging things prematurely, finding fault in someone without knowing all the facts, without knowing the motives, without knowing the challenges, without knowing how they were raised or what they are dealing with? Sometimes we are critical of things we don't understand. We form negative opinions when it is actually not what it looks like. We don't know the full story, and we assume things that may not be true. If we walked in that person's shoes, most of the time we would be more understanding, and more compassionate.

Even if what we have heard is true, where is the mercy? Where is the grace to give people room to make mistakes, to not be perfect (none of us is)? Maybe God is dealing with them, maybe they are going to make better decisions. Instead of judging them, talking behind their backs etc., why don't you take that same time and pray for them? Be a part of the solution, and not the problem.

Romans 14:10 "But you, why do you criticize your brother? Or you again, why do you look down on your believing brother or regard him with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God who alone is judge."