

# Hold Your Relationships With An Open Hand

We all have different ways of handling the relationships we're in. Of course, that's mainly a factor of our mindsets, our soulishness, and our past experiences with people. The upshot of those influencing factors is that almost all relationships have ups and downs, ranging between deep rifts and highs.

Believers are not excluded from this difficulty people have with relationships, including family ones, as we can see by the high divorce rate among Christians.<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately, the problem with relationships carries over to their Kingdom life, the one they enter into once they come into an understanding of the Kingdom.

Therefore, we (as sons) need to be vigilant in ensuring that we allow Father to transform us so we move away from being mainly soul-controlled, to being spirit-controlled, at all times. Unfortunately, that transformation is a long process, one that will have many points of failure along the journey.

In the meantime, we need to guard ourselves from the negative input of our soul and our mind with regard to the relationships we're in. That's vital for the stability of our relationships until we get to the point of stability with the reintegration of our soul with our spirit, the point where Father is taking us.

Recently Father gave us instructions to assist with handling relationships so they aren't destroyed through our emotions and negative thoughts:

*“Hold your relationships with an open hand. Sometimes, especially in your times of insecurity, you become needy and overly possessive. You must treat others in the way you want to be treated and with enough room that they are not smothered. This will require sensitivity to their needs and desires and a willingness to give them room to be comfortable in the relationship.”<sup>2</sup>*

Holding “with an open hand” means accepting things as they are, and not applying force to a relationship to control it in any way. That meaning is different to ‘openhandedness’ which signifies generosity and munificence.<sup>3</sup> The commonality between the two terms is that the person operating in a relationship ‘with an open hand’ is graciousness, as they are giving the other person(s) freedom to be themselves. That's truly a Kingdom attitude to have in our relationships.

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1 – 33% according to recent research [www.gotquestions.org/Christian-divorce-rate.html](http://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-divorce-rate.html)

2 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Feb 2, 2026) [www.ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](http://www.ft111.com/smallstraws.htm) [ARCHIVE: [www.ft111.com/straws2026.htm](http://www.ft111.com/straws2026.htm)]

3 – [www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/openhanded](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/openhanded)