



Nine of Wands

Traditional meaning: “... This is a card of strength and determination. It suggests that even when you feel as though you have come to the end of your fighting powers there is strength in reserve. It puts the seeker in a very strong position, and suggests victory through courage and endurance.”

[*The complete Book of Tarot*, Juliet Sharman-Burke, 1985 Pan Books, London]

Relationships: In regard to relationships **Nines** represent both completions/endings AND visions for an even better future. As we complete this phase, whether it be a phase within this relationship or a phase of our life ending with the completion of this relationship, we create a void filled with potential awaiting our creative intentions ... our imagination ... to bring the next stage into being.

In this case, the **Nine of Wands** suggests that it is important right now that we finish this phase of our relationship now and gear up for the next phase which is just around the corner; starting in the very near future. But it is awaiting our specific input, whether this be unconscious or consciously and decisively chosen is up to us.

At this point we are running the risk of not seeing the opportunities awaiting us for the self-imposed barriers we have built around our self. A long time ago we needed coping skills, so we developed some behavioural patterns to protect our feelings. But we are older now and these are out of date, and are in fact now limiting our ability to find our way; to progress emotionally and mentally.

The Nine of Wands reminds us that we have come a long way, gaining experience and information that forms our accumulated wisdom on this matter, the role we play in this relationship; now it is up to us to put this to constructive use. The additional inner strength we have, regardless of how exhausted we may feel, is our ability to visualise, to THINK of what we now know we really want. It is important to understand the difference between mulling over what has happened, and our ability to think about what we really want. The past always has beneficial information within it, yet it is up to us to actually utilise this and not be distracted by past drama, hurts and pain. To ignore the intelligence gained, is to repeat the learning of it.

Based on what we know to date about the type of role we play in this relationship, we need to get specific about what we want to experience from now on? What has worked for us, what hasn't? We need to sort through it all, dealing with any emotional upsets, clearing away any emotional and physical clutter, and look to our future with clarity of mind. Once we know what to prioritise, we can use our creative imagination to visualise what we want to experience as a progression from this stage in our personal development. We need to be mindful of not assuming others play a specific role – just focusing on our own role thus keeping our integrity and not projecting our needs onto others.

We can't learn less! Living is learning, what have we been learning? And how can we use that constructively to create the outcomes we really want to experience during this Earth Walk? It is time to dissolve the barriers so we can see beyond them, to travel beyond them, on our way to feeling at peace with our relationship between self and Self; our conscious mind and our Higher Mind. We have the resources to do this, they will become more evident as we dissolve the very barriers blocking these resources, skills, abilities, strengths, etc, from our view.

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[Image: Rider-Waite deck of Tarot]