

Spreads to try;

Focusing on my business and work life;

Strengths: king wands, judgement, 8 wands.

Weaknesses: ace pentacles, queen pentacles, 9 swords,

Point of learning: 5 cups, 2 wands, 6 swords

What I need to know; 4 pentacles

I find this an interesting spread to share here as there is no prediction at all, and its easy to get lost in the predictive side.

This links to the video I shared on practical advice- and there are some repeat cards so it is worth checking the video out as well.

Try to note one positive action or affirmation for each card- after all a weakness is simply a strength in waiting.



Strengths:

So its interesting that there are repeat cards from the suggestion that I work with a mentor in the video reading.

As a mentor a King of Wands personality is going to be quite hands off, wanting their client to run with their own ideas. He looks to inspire not micro manage, and I do think I am good at this. Inspiring others to see the best in themselves, but not wanting to get into to nitty-gritty of how they do it. I am really enjoying the mentoring side of my business, and definitely feel it is something I am good at.

Judgement is an interesting card- In the video reading I linked it with advertising and marketing, I think I am quite good at that but never really give it the time it needs.

I look at this- in connection with work life- and I see a wholeness about my work, a happiness and authenticity. I do absolutely love my work- the only pressure is hours and income. I believe my love of my work is a key strength.

8 wands- lots going on, and keeping it streamlined. When I'm managing work well and can achieve a lot. I hate multi tasking- but I am (when in a good place) very good at it.

So- lets look at the weaknesses, identifying a weakness but looking for the positive spin on the card as well. I'm using the phrase "**even though**- from E.F.T- as a bridging phrase

Ace pentacles- I am not good at stepping out of my comfort zone, or setting a price on my skills. Even though I have the skills and experience to be able to do this.

Queen Pentacles- An interesting weakness. I am going to read this as my family, but it could also be read as my caring for clients- even when I need to put in better boundaries.

I do tend to over mother my kids a little, still trying to compensate for only having me in my life. Even though I can feel guilty for being a solo mum, I'm going to ask my kids for help when I need it.

9 of swords. No introduction needed to this card! The classic big guns of over thinking, and oh YES this can be me! Even though I have a tendency to over think, I'm going to look to recognise this and take practical action (those red roses) when I feel it taking me over.

Point of learning:

5 of cups- to not fret about what isn't working, but run with what is. I do have a tendency to feel over burdened when I get something wrong.

2 of wands- to have more faith and belief in the future.

6 swords. There is a point here of "knowing your client" as a shaman the reading of this card could well be "trust your spirit guides".

However, the three cards together also have a feel of "trust your future a little more".

Card at the bottom of the pack is a reminder to be focused and trust myself a little more.

Tommy is a personal trainer. He would love to create an online course using exercise as a way to support people with their mental health (something he has struggled with himself)

I loved this spread for the clear line of pentacles!

A classic past, present, future spread.

What is holding him back?

I was drawn to read this more as three mini vertical spreads, are you? Does reading the verticals help you?

If the card at the bottom of the pack is what he most needs to succeed, what would you define this as?

Would you advise him to follow through with this idea?



So- what strikes me most about this spread is the vertical lines. Yes the spread is designed to be read horizontally, but my eye was drawn to the verticals.

The line Devil/5 wands/4 swords seems to be his mindset. Now I've already mentioned he's had mental health issues in the past- and I think the Devil is a link to this. Self limiting beliefs that feel weighty and impossible to move through. The rest of the spread is so positive, then you have this dark card just sat there. He is holding himself back.

Based on this line I would be saying just get started (5 wands) don't wait until you are ready- just get started with what you have now. Once you are building your course, you'll have a lot more peace with the idea (4swords).

As this is a course to support mental health, I would see this supporting his mental health as well!

The middle line feels to me like a classic business plan.

He's taken the time to build his skill set, he's knows his stuff (king pents)

Now he needs to visualise his dream (10 cups). Open his heart- connect to why he wants to do this.

Then, when he's connected with his why he can create a plan, and work out when and how he's going to do it.

The line to his left seems to be the journey of his course.

He already has a good community (10 pents) and I would be suggesting he discusses his idea with existing clients, I reckon many of them may be interested.

The next step is to reflect on his skills, and believe he can do this (4 pents) perhaps ensuring he carves time out from his life to focus on this.

And there is suggestion of a soft launch (7 pents) perhaps running it for a few within his community and seeing how that works- learning a lot through this soft launch to improve his course.

Based on the king of wands I advised him to find a mentor, or at least to find others who have done similar projects to inspire him.

I did advise him to go for it. The only negative card is the Devil- himself holding himself back!

I advised him to progress playfully and integrate it into his current job, making time to focus on this. I felt he was waiting until he felt good enough, or had enough time or money. But the answer is to start now, with his current clients, and learn as he went.

Barb is a divorced woman in her late 50's, she's been single for some years and wants to know if she can ever find love again.

Do the cards indicate that she WILL find or love, or that she CAN find love?

What is the advice?

I felt the 2 pentacles in the top row could reflect 2 different potential partners- do you read this the same way? (remember there is no one right way to read a spread!)



Right now Barb is actually quite enjoying her life (queen wands). I always check in whether someone is still in love, or has got over a past partner- and I think Barb has. She feels as if she is living a fun and busy life. Perhaps travelling, and has a lot on. She seems to be enjoying her single life!

The link between the 5 of pentacles and the 6 of pentacles worries me.

I sense Barb is happy in her single life, but perhaps still worries she is not lovable enough for a romantic partner.

There almost seems to be a cross roads here.

Love is coming in (Fool) the ultimate card of potential -0- is of course pure potential.

But will she love herself, and meet a stable loyal partner (ace-knight) or allow her fears of lack to lead her to a controlling partner 5-6 pents.

I felt this choice, this duality was reflected in the 2 of pentacles.

The 2 of pentacles can be playfulness and having fun.

I advised her to continue having fun, enjoying her life- but to focus on her emotional needs and attend any event that was meaningful to her.

I felt she would meet a romantic partner and warned her about building a future relationship based on her feelings of lack, showing the best of the knight of pents, and how a compassionate and loyal partner was there, but she needed to love herself first.