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| **Card Name** | Nine of Wands |
| **Yes/No** | Yes |
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| **Soul** | A bandaged figure warily guarding a line of wands, symbolizing resilience after battles but ongoing defensiveness; enhanced with a sense of disappointment and hopelessness, as the figure **actively avoids looking at** the present wand and fixates on past ones, evoking total dissatisfaction, living in regrets like "if only" **("kaash" in Hindi)**, and lacking the strength to accept current realities. |
| **Essence/Prediction** | Perseverance through adversity, last stand before victory, but with caution and weariness; predicts dissatisfaction with current achievements, feeling defeated and stuck in past regrets, hopeless about the present without the courage to adapt, potentially leading to loss if unchanged, though not complete failure like joblessness but rather unfulfillment. **Warning that even the present will be lost if this continues.** |
| **Example** | Like a wounded soldier standing guard, ready for more fights despite exhaustion; similar to having a job but being utterly unhappy with it **(not satisfied even a bit - "ek ratti bhi nahi nibhata")**, constantly thinking about missed past opportunities like **"if I had done that course, I would have gotten a better job"** or **"if I had started business 2 years ago, I would be settled"** or comparing to previous job perks **("that job had these facilities, these perks")**, much like living in "what ifs" **("kaash")** that prevent appreciating or improving the present, resulting in further loss. |
| **Past** | You persevered through challenges, building resilience from past experiences; disappointed with what you could not achieve, feeling hopeless. |
| **Present** | A phase of defensiveness and recovery from setbacks; currently not happy with your situation, not thinking about improvements, stuck in past regrets. **Person doesn't want to look at or think about the present situation.** |
| **Future** | If persistence holds, potential for final success after trials; risk of losing even the present if you continue avoiding it, but opportunity to move forward with acceptance. |
| **Health** | Recovery after health struggles, but guarded against relapse; focus not on **how to resolve the issue** but on why or how it happened, regretting past actions that could have prevented it **("what I didn't do that would have prevented this")**, lacking courage to accept and address it now. |
| **Profession** | Defending your position in career amid competition or criticism; has something like a job or business **(explicitly not jobless or businessless)** but completely dissatisfied, fixated on past missed chances or better previous roles, feeling hopeless without strength to adapt. **Cannot be called successful in business due to dissatisfaction.** |
| **Relationship** | Maintaining boundaries in relationships after conflicts; dissatisfied with current partner, dwelling on past relationships or missed proposals, like regretting an ex's beauty or qualities **("my ex-girlfriend was so beautiful," "that marriage proposal had such qualities")**, lacking courage to accept and nurture the present one. |
| **Guidance** | Stand your ground with courage, drawing on inner strength to overcome final obstacles; have the strength and courage to move on from the past, accept and embrace the present, focus on what you can do now to improve it rather than living in regrets or "what ifs" **("kaash")**, as continuing this way will lead to losing what you have; for job questions, it won't be as desired **without acceptance and effort**. |