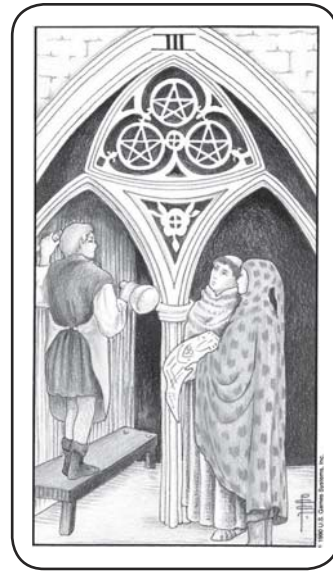


Three of Pentacles

Synergy—the bonus that is achieved when things work together harmoniously.
—Mark Twain

The tensions observed in the Two harmonize in the Three. Priorities have been established, resources procured, and plans put into action. An artisan, architect, and monk collaborate on the building of a church. The architect with his blueprint symbolizes the original creative vision, carefully refined. The artisan gives form to that vision through craftsmanship. The monk stands for integrity and ethics in the endeavor, as well as the spirit of service that is, ideally, the function of the church they construct.



Their unity combines vision, skill, and spiritual values in the fulfillment of shared goals. Anyone who has ever been fortunate enough to experience such group synthesis knows that even mundane projects can become sources of immense satisfaction capable of forging deep interconnections and lasting pride. Carved into the archway are three Pentacles. They signify the builders' high standards and the greater glory to which their labors are dedicated.

Take away its traditional associations with community and teamwork, and the Three of Pentacles represents an individual's spiritual renovation. The three figures personify body, mind, and spirit in collaboration. The arches form a doorway to a place of yet-unformed potential, which, like stone to a mason, holds the raw materials for unlimited creative expression.

A Three of Pentacles Story

I once worked as a freelance writer with a small marketing company. We were a tightly knit group of people who created entertaining trade-show presentations for many high-profile clients. The Three of Pentacles aptly depicts the synergy we enjoyed as a collaboration of producers, writers, actors, multimedia artists, and administrative staff.

In my eighth year with the organization, the nation's economy tanked, and many of our most lucrative accounts disappeared, practically overnight. I did a Celtic Cross reading about it. In the Outcome position sat the Three of Pentacles, reversed. This was one outcome I knew I had no power to change.

The company went under within the month.

Three of Pentacles Attributes

Key Word: Synergy

Being: cooperative, team-oriented, inspired by a collective effort

Doing: apprenticing, building a foundation, working constructively, working in community, showing technical proficiency, striving for high standards of service, quality, or workmanship

Reversed: inefficiency, mediocrity, working at cross-purposes, being in a state of inner or outer discord, operating independently

Possible Advice

Reversed: "Reconsider the team you're working with, or the project itself."

"Make this one a solo effort."