



# FOUR OF PENTACLES

M I N O R A R C A N A

**Person:**  
Loneliness,  
Greed, Defensive



**Pentacles:**  
Materialism,  
Greed, Control



**Pentacles  
Under Feet:**  
Grounded



**Yes/No Reading:**



*Yes*   *No*   *Maybe*

**Names in Other Tarot Systems:**

Golden Dawn: Lord of Earthly Power

Tarot of Marseilles: Four of Coins

Thoth: Power

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PLANET Sun	ZODIAC Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn	ELEMENT Earth	NUMEROLOGY	COUNT

### **Upright: Security, Frugality, Conservatism, Scarcity, Control, Restraint**

The Four of Pentacles speaks to the fundamental human need for stability and security, especially in finance and material possessions. This card's upright position highlights control, attachment, and the desire for stability. However, this card is more than just prudence and protecting one's possessions. The Four of Pentacles warns against holding on too tightly, being overly possessive or miserly, or becoming too focused on accumulating wealth at the expense of other experiences in life. It suggests a fine line between being careful and becoming overly controlling or fearful of loss or scarcity.

It can also indicate a guarded heart, a reluctance to open up and be vulnerable due to past hurts, or fears of future pain. This card challenges us to find a balance between maintaining security without letting it stifle growth, protecting ourselves without becoming isolated, and recognizing that true security lies in adaptability and openness, not rigid control.

### **Reversed: Over-Spending, Generosity, Greed, Possessiveness, Stinginess**

The Four of Pentacles reveals a loosening grip on material possessions, control, and emotional barriers when reversed. This represents a shift from the card's upright themes of holding on tightly and being overly guarded to an indication of letting go, releasing control, and embracing change or vulnerability. In contrast to the upright position's fear of loss or extremely conservative stance, the reversed card hints at spending, donating, or investing money. This can signify a change in financial circumstances that leads to a less restrictive attitude toward resources.

Emotionally, the reversed card often serves as a beacon of personal growth, signifying a willingness to be vulnerable, trust again after betrayal, or share personal thoughts and feelings more openly. It represents breaking down walls, dispelling fears, and embracing the world with a more open heart.

## Upright Interpretations

**General Reading:** You have a strong desire for security and control, especially concerning material assets. This card indicates safeguarding resources, potentially to the point of being overly cautious or possessive. Evaluate if you're holding on too tightly to something out of fear or insecurity.

**Love Reading:** This card suggests guarding one's heart or being protective of one's feelings. It can mean that someone is not willing to open up fully due to past hurts or fear of vulnerability. For singles, it might imply being stuck on past relationships, preventing new love from entering.

**Health Reading:** You may be holding onto stress or tension, particularly in the physical body. It might indicate a need to relax and release control, potentially pointing towards issues caused by stress, such as tight muscles or tension headaches.

**Career Reading:** There's a strong focus on financial security. It can indicate someone who's reluctant to invest or take risks, preferring to safeguard what they have. It might also hint at feeling possessive about one's job role or responsibilities.

## Reversed Interpretations

**General Reading:** In its reversed position, the Four of Pentacles might point to a release or letting go of control. It can also suggest recklessness with finances or being overly generous to a fault. On the other hand, it might indicate a breaking free from material constraints or obsessive thinking related to security.

**Love Reading:** Reversed, this card in a love context indicates a possible release of past emotional baggage or an opening up to new romantic experiences. For those in a relationship, it could mean letting go of old wounds or barriers that have prevented deeper intimacy.

**Health Reading:** In its reversed form in a health context, the card suggests a possible release of tension or the need to let go of unhealthy habits or rigid routines. It's a reminder to loosen up and allow for more flexibility in health practices.

**Career Reading:** Reversed, this card could suggest either a reckless approach to finances or business decisions or, more positively, a willingness to take calculated risks. It might also indicate letting go of certain job roles, responsibilities, or even changing careers for personal fulfillment over monetary gains.

At the center is a figure clutching a pentacle tightly against their chest, symbolizing the need for control and the fear of losing what one has accumulated. Typically, the figure is shown standing on two pentacles, representing the desire to be in complete control or on top of one's finances and material possessions. It can also indicate the importance of being grounded in material or worldly matters at the cost of emotional or spiritual growth. Another pentacle is often placed above the figure's head or as a crown. This placement can signify a preoccupation with a sense of worth; identity is linked to possessions or financial status.

The figure's posture is often closed off, implying defensiveness, insecurity, or an unwillingness to share or open up. This is usually reflective of individuals who are emotionally closed off due to placing too much emphasis on material security.

In some decks, a town or other structures are visible in the far background, which can signify societal values or external pressures. It could also imply that the figure's focus on their possessions is causing them to miss out on the broader world or community.



**ZODIAC:** Taurus (April 20 – May 20) is an Earth sign ruled by Venus. This sign embodies those that are grounded, practical, and stable.



Virgo (August 23 – September 22) is an Earth sign ruled by Mercury. Virgos are selfless and dedicated, often putting others' needs above their own.



Capricorn (December 22 – January 19) is an Earth sign ruled by Saturn. Capricorns are known for their grounded, pragmatic approach, and are often focused on tangible outcomes.



**ELEMENT:** Earth represents death and rebirth. It is the realm of abundance, prosperity, and wealth. It is associated with Autumn, the Suit of Pentacles, and the North cardinal direction.



**HERMETIC QABALAH** Associated Hebrew Letter: Heh – Window (Vision, Reasoning)



**QABALISTIC SEPHIROT:** Chesed (Mercy)



**TIMING:** January 10 – January 19