c. The lesson of Mark: _____

Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.
2 Timothy 4:11

The back story:
36 Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." 37 Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, 38 but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. 39 They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. 41 He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches. Acts 15.36-41

d. The lesson of Alexander: _____

14 Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. 15 You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message. 2 Timothy 4:14-15

14 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. Romans 12:19

12 Let the LORD judge the peoples. Vindicate me, LORD, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High. Psalm 7:8

"We cannot surrender the valid practice of distinguishing and discerning how things are in order to avoid condemning others. We can, however, train ourselves to hold people responsible and discuss their failures with them...without attacking their worth as human beings or marking them as rejects." Dallas Willard, *The Diving Conspiracy*

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May 6, 2012

Rise Up! … Give Peace a Chance

1. The peril of the porcupine: getting close without getting hurt

"Every one of us pretends to be healthier and kinder than we really are; we all engage in what might be called depravity management."
John Ortberg, *Everyone's Normal Till You Get to Know Them*

2. Experiencing God in your relationships

"God's aim in human history is the creation of an inclusive community of loving persons, with himself included as its primary sustainer and most glorious inhabitant."
Dallas Willard

a. The lesson of Timothy: _____

Do your best to come to me quickly. 2 Timothy 4:9

Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus sends you greetings, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers and sisters. 2 Timothy 4:21

"Whoever cannot stand being in community should beware of being alone."
Dietrich Boenhoeffer

b. The lesson of Demas: _____

"… for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.". 2 Timothy 4:10

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