What Do They Value?

Act IV of the Merchant of Venice is a pivotal act in establishing the values of the main characters as well as the main themes (choice, justice, prejudice) in the play. Review IV.i and fill out the Venn diagram below, attempting to understand the three main players and how they relate to each other in more detail. Use the words in the box to help you get started.

**hopeful, kind, supportive, merciful, hurt, tolerant, intelligent, crafty, loyal, manipulative, careful, angry, in control, rational, practical, ambitious, lonely, generous, obedient, respectful, determined, cautious, proud, defensive, prejudiced**

**Shylock**

**Portia**

**Antonio**