

The background features a textured, brownish-gold surface with scattered autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The leaves are scattered across the top and sides of the frame, with some overlapping the central text area.

# *Back to the Basics*

1 Timothy 6:6-16

# I. The Importance of Godliness.

(V.6)

## A. It begins with a response to the Gospel.

*No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6 &*

*John 3:36, He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”*

- You cannot read your way to godliness.
- You cannot meditate your way to godliness.
- You cannot work your way to godliness.
- You cannot worship your way to godliness.
- You cannot give your way to godliness.

## B. But all these may be part of becoming godly after salvation.

- Bible truth is the route to godly living.
- Sincere, humble prayer is the route to godliness.
- Daily devotional time is the route to godliness.

## II. The Importance of *Contentment*.

(V. 6)

### A. Godliness and contentment - what a combination!

James 1:17, *Every good gift and every perfect gift if from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*

Ps. 23:1, *The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.*

### B. Think of the contradiction of one who claims one without the other.

- *For godliness with contentment is great gain.*

**C. Contentment comes from focusing on what we have in Christ.**

***Isaiah 26:3, You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.***

***Phil. 4:11-13, Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:***

***<sup>12</sup>I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.***

***<sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.***

**D. Discouragement comes from focusing on what we do not have.**

# III. The Importance of Wise Understanding.

(Vv. 9-10)

- A. The danger of being rich.
- B. The sorrows that accompany riches are:
- C. The Love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.

# IV. The Importance of Goals.

(V.11)

## A. Pursue Righteousness.

Matt. 6:33, *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

Pursue godliness:

Pursue faith;

Pursue love;

Pursue patience;

Pursue gentleness or meekness;