

## "THE 7 PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH" Pillars Part 5: The Spirit of Real Transparency

- One of Satan's most <u>effective</u> weapons against believers is <u>pretentiousness</u>.
- Many people become **pretentious** because they feel it adds **value** to their lives.
- <u>**Pretentiousness**</u> is based on major <u>insecurity</u>.
- Arrogance is <u>masked</u> insecurity.
- Pretentiousness has dire <u>circumstances</u>.

### I. The <u>Beginning</u> Of Not Keeping It Real

A. We don't keep it real, because we're trying to hide something.

- B. We don't keep it real because of something we don't want to be seen.
- C. We don't keep it real, because we don't like something about ourselves.
- D. We don't keep it real, because we don't feel **<u>adequate</u>**.
- E. We don't keep it real, because we want to <u>mask</u> what we don't like about <u>ourselves</u> or because of what we don't want <u>others to see</u>.

### II. The **<u>Burdens</u>** Of Not Keeping It Real

- A. We make excuses for our **wrongdoing**.
- B. We blame others for our own *irresponsibility*.
- C. We jeopardize our own blessings and potential.
- D. We can be **<u>stripped</u>** of what we have.

#### THE HOUSE OF HOPE MACON

Sam. 15:17-35

Gen. 3:7-10

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III. The <u>Blessings</u> Of Keeping It Real	Psalm 51:1-12
A. We can maintain a <b>right relationship</b> with God.	
B. We can find restoration of <b>joy</b> , <b>proper spirit</b> , and <b>purpose</b> .	
C. We can gain the Master's <u>favor</u> .	Luke 18:35-38
D. God can make <b><u>right</u></b> what's wrong in our lives.	Luke 18:10-14
E. We can gain strength in our struggles.	Luke 22:40-43
F. We can find <b>forgiveness</b> and <b>healing</b> .	I John 1:9