

"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 <u>pretentious</u> because they feel it adds <u>value</u> to their lives.
- <u>Pretentiousness</u> is based on major <u>insecurity</u>.
- Arrogance is <u>masked</u> insecurity.
- Pretentiousness has fire <u>circumstances</u>.

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

Gen. 3:7-10

1 Sam. 15:17-35

Psalm 51:1-12

Luke 18:35-35

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

III. The <u>Blessings</u> Of Keeping It Real

- A. We can maintain a <u>right</u> <u>relationship</u> with God.
- B. We can find restoration of <u>Joy</u>, <u>proper spirit</u>, and <u>purpose</u>.
- C. We can gain the Master's favor.

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 D. God can make <u>right</u> what's wrong in our lives. E. We can gain <u>strength</u> in our <u>struggles</u>. 	Luke 18:10-14 Luke 22:40-43

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