

## VALUE:

There's a principle or a law that goes like this: "whatever becomes common to you loses value". It's true with things, it's true with places, and it's true with relationships.

We can see this principle in the food mountains where tons and tons of food are so common they have become of so little value that they are left to rot and waste compared to areas of famine where every mouthful is priceless.

You move to a new house or your house is redecorated and so much care is taken to maintain the new appearance. Sometime later whether months or years less care is taken and scuffs or marks are no longer bothered with the way they once were.

Perhaps when we met the one of our dreams, we went all out to make the right impression. We behaved in a way that they liked and did almost anything to make the relationship work. Sadly further down the line many things are let go and we no longer make the same effort we once did.

In each situation people have run into the "Law of Common". Whatever you allow to become common loses value. It's true with things, it's true with places, and it's true with relationships.

In Jesus' own home town, he became common to the people. They had seen him grow up, perhaps watched him play and be like any other child. Maybe he had done work for them as a carpenter. After he was baptised and anointed for his ministry his own town all but rejected him. (Matt 6:1-6)

We see a similar thing with King Saul, his walk with God became common to him. He lost regard or value for the word of the Lord through the prophet Samuel. (1 Sam 15)

The lesson to us is simple; don't allow things that are precious to become common, don't allow coming to God's House or the presence of the Holy Spirit in our services to become a common thing, watch that relationships with each other are maintained and above all else make sure our walk with God never becomes such a common thing that it loses value.

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