

He said I have a perfume that is said to be very good. It will spread over a room with a very pleasant aroma. But he said, I would like to make an experiment to see how rapidly its spell would spread. So, I will pour a few drops of it out on the table and as soon as any one of you smells the perfume will you please raise your hand. He poured a few drops of it on the table, and about a half minute later someone in the second row raised the hand.

Then a quarter of a minute after that there were two or three others on the first row. Then soon after that there were several on the fifth row. By the time 3 min. had gone by 3/4 of the hands in the house had been raised. Then he said, I want to tell you something. What I now poured on the table was just water, nothing more! They had faith in his word. They believed that to be true even though they could not see it. The result was they were sure that they smelled the perfume.

When I was a student at Princeton, one morning I felt utterly weak. I thought, I've got the worst attack of flu I've ever had in my life. I said, I'm going to the infirmary and I hope that in 2 or 3 days they can cure me. So I packed a few things in my bag and started out. Every half block on my way to the infirmary I had to stop and rest. I made the six blocks in great weakness and I stepped into the door. The nurse said, What did you want? I said, I have a very bad attack of flu and I have to go to bed and be treated for it.

She said, Well let me take your temperature. She took my temperature, and she said, Your temperature is perfectly normal. You don't have the flu. If you'd like to take one of these beds, you are perfectly welcome to rest a bit, but there is absolutely nothing for us to do for you. I was relieved I picked up my bag and I walked back the six blocks without ever stopping. I did not feel tired again the whole day. What you think, what you have faith in can have a tremendous effect upon your feelings, upon your attitudes, upon what you do.

Faith can be and is a very powerful force in the life of most people.

Now a third statement I'd like to look at a little more fully than these first two. Misplace faith can do great harm. I heard of a time when a man went to a healing meeting. There he was told there is no reason why you cannot be healed of anything that bothers you. Anything, if you just have enough faith. This man had a cancer on his face and the doctors had told him that that cancer would not be difficult to remove; he'd better have it removed immediately. But he didn't like the thought of an operation. They told him, You just have faith enough and the cancer will go away. He went home. The cancer got worse. It kept spreading over his face. Someone told him, If you just have faith you will be cured and recover from it, it will go away. They said the reason it's growing is because you don't have enough faith/

So he tried hard to have faith, and said there is no such thing as a cancer on my faith. But it kept growing. Finally