

“The Trials of Rev. Milton Blumquist” Sample Pages #2

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Track #8: (SFX: Knocking at door, twice.)

Rev. Blumquist: Now, who in the world could that be? *(Get's up with an angry attitude.)* If it's another one of those pesky Jee-hovah's Witnesses, I'll send him packing so fast it'll make his Watchtower spin! *(He yanks open the door... no-one is there!)* What the...?

Track #9: (SFX: Suddenly the FLY RETURNS through the door!)

Rev. Blumquist: It's the return of the fly!*(He chases the fly around the table with the swatter.)* I'm gonna kill this critter! *(He dodges it as it flies around his head.)* He's trying to fly up my nose! Whoop, there he is... *(He nails it with the swatter, in synch with the WHOOSH/SPLAT on the track.)* Gotcha!!! *(He picks up the rubber fly by the wing and holds it up to inspect it.)* He will big'un! *(He tosses it away and sits back down.)* The Devil musta sent that fly... no wonder they call him Beelzebub, Lord of the Flies. Now final question for you is...have you learned patience... or is the Lord gonna have to keep trying to teach it to you?

Track #10: (SFX: EVERYTHING STARTS TO HAPPEN: In sequence; Phone ring, thunder, cookoo clock, fly, dog, train, car alarm, helicopter, radio, and ends with commode flushing.)

Rev. Blumquist: *(Picking up the phone and yelling into it.)* In Heaven's name, **What???** *(Reacts.)* They hung up. *(Thunder rolls.)* Uh, oh, sounds like a storm's a comin'! *(Cookoo clock chimes.)* That clock is drivin' me crazy! *(Fly buzzes again.)* It's another fly! And he's out to avenge his brother! *(Dog barks.)* The dog is back! Hush, you mutt! *(Train horn blows.)* The train is back! It ain't time for it! Get that train outta here! *(Car alarm goes off again.)* There goes that blamed car alarm again! FELDSTEIN! *(Helicopter passes over.)* Now there's a helicopter buzzing me! Where that come from??! *(Radio blares again.)* Who turned on that radio again?? WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?? *(Disgusted, he looks up and implores.)* Lord, what **else** could happen?

Continuing from Track #10: (SFX: TOILET FLUSHES)

Rev. Blumquist: *(With a funny expression.)* Why am I not surprised? *(Tearfully.)* There goes my testimony, right down the tubes. Lord, I can't do this. **I just don't have the patience!**

Track #11: (Trumpet fanfare.)

(When we hear the trumpet fanfare on the soundtrack, Milton freezes and look up, as if a light has dawned.)

Rev. Blumquist: Wait a minute...maybe **that's it!** I... don't have...the patience! *(He slowly sits back down at the table, as the thought sinks in, then he looks up to Heaven.)*

Oh, Lord... are you trying to tell me something here? Has all this trouble just been Your way of getting my attention?

Track #12: (Introspective music.)

Rev. Blumquist: *(He picks up the Bible and turns to the marked page.)* Maybe I should've read the scripture for today first. James 1, 2 through 4 says, "My brethern, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations." *(Looking back up.)* Now I don't know what kind of temptations that divers have to face...but I'm sure they're much the same as the rest of us have to deal with. *(Reads more.)* "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may

be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

(Puts down the Bible.) Well, Lord, there it is. I've been so blind, trying to tell others about patience, when I didn't have it myself! I'm sorry. Forgive me, and help me to learn from this today. And help me to be more compassionate with others that are trying to learn patience, and not just preach at them, 'cause that's all I been doing. Help me to have the love I need, to reach my fellow man. In Jesus name, amen.

Rev. Blumquist: *(Blows nose noisily into hankie.)* Wow, after that I feel all cleaned out inside! Now I can do this sermon! I'll start over, and preach it with a right attitude, with compassion, not a judgemental spirit. *(He pushed the button on the tape deck again, and clears his sinuses loudly.)*

(The introspective music should be done by now.)

Howdy, My name is Rev. Milton Blumquist, and I'd like to welcome you to "In Heaven's Name" my weekly radio broadcast. Today's topic: *(a beat)* ...**patience!** Now, this is an area that I've struggled with lately, but with the help of the Lord, I think I've finally got it whipped. *(Milton pauses, as something comes to mind. He pushes the "stop" button the recorder.)* Nope, I can't do the program yet. I've got to make something right.

Track #13: (Close music begins)

Rev. Blumquist: *(He stands.)* The Lord's layin' it on my heart that I've got to make some restitution to poor old Feldstein next door. *(He picks up his Bible and starts to walk to the door.)* After all, if I can't be a good witness to my neighbors first, what's the use of trying to reach others I never even seen before? *(He looks up with a grin as he exits.)* I'm a-goin' Lord! **In Heaven's Name**, I'm a-goin'!

(Close music comes up and ends.)