Don't Keep Your Religion for a Rainy Day.

It may never rain. It doesn't on the coast of Peru and in the Sahara Desert. Play safe. You do it in every thing else. Why not do it in the matter of your salvation?

Hell.

If Hell were not eternal, the sinner could defy God and say "Some day, in spite of all you can do, I will enjoy the same happiness as these poor fools who spend all their time praying. I'll hate you and break your laws as I choose, and you can punish me. But I'll come back, because some time you will have to stop. And I'll laugh at you through all eternity."

The Fortune Teller.

"I don't suppose you will print this letter but I am going to write it anyway. I don't think it's fair for you to be calling a man a cake-eater just because he is good-looking and if the girls rave over him he has got to know which is the oyster fork when he steps out. I don't commit any sins and I know I am a whole lot better than some of the fellows that go to Communion every day, so quit riding us."

The small-town shiek! Beauty lies in the soul, and it takes more than a flapper to see it. Dig up your body six months after the funeral and count the worms. Then move on to the Last Judgement. You will stand naked if you have no good works to cover you. Vaseline won't keep your hair from standing on end. The man who received one talent was sent to hell for not investing it.

Thomas a Kempis wrote this for your benifit 500 years ago: "A very little while and all will be over with thee here. See to it, how it stands with thee in the next life. Man today is, and tomorrow he is seen no more. And when he is taken away from the sight, he is quickly also out of mind."

Humility.

It is not against humility to acknowledge your talents and work with them. Thank God for them. But don't take credit to yourself. "If I am left to myself, I behold, I am nothing, and all weakness; but if Thou suddenly lookest upon me, I presently become strong, and am replenished with new joy."

-- Following of Christ, Book 5, Chapter 8.

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