

Here's a list of simple things you might have done/or are doing, that might send you to Hell, if they remain unconfessed:

- 1) I stopped going to Mass on Sunday, because I didn't want to go.
- 2) I hadn't been to Mass on Sunday in a long time, so I decided to go for Easter, or Christmas. So I went to Holy Communion, because everyone was going, and I had heard once, that you're supposed to go to Holy Communion at least once a year, for your 'Easter Duty'.
- 3) Before I met my wife/husband, I remember 'fooling around' with this cute person for several months, but we were never really serious.
- 4) It was just one of those flings, back then. I was still in High School, and neither of us wanted a kid, of course, so we both used Birth Control, because we weren't really sure we could trust each other.
- 5) I took my two girls out to the Mall to go Christmas shopping, and to get our nails done. Later, we stopped for lunch at TGI Fridays. It was busy, and we squeezed into a booth, as the waitress was wiping the table, and the other party was leaving. I spotted a wallet far under the table, and casually put my foot on it as we sat down. Before we paid the check, I reached under the table for my 'lost' napkin, to retrieve it. Once home, I took my \$224 'finders fee', then I mailed the wallet to the address on the license, with a note saying that I found it in the bushes outside, with credit cards intact, but devoid of cash.

6) Years ago, when I was 'fooling around' with this person, she got pregnant because one of us was drunk. She said it was mine. I wasn't sure. To get her off my back, I told her to get an Abortion. She wasn't sure, and wanted to keep it, but she changed her mind, when I offered to pay for it. I had to sell my sweet Comaro, but at least I didn't have to get married, and drop out of college!

7) My wife and I now know we're not allowed to use Birth Control, so we usually do some oral stuff instead of intercourse, because we need to space our kids, or maybe decide soon, to just stop after two.

8) All of our friends seem to be Protestant, so in the spirit of Vatican 2's ecuminism, we'll go to their Funeral Service, if a close friend should pass, or to a close friend's Wedding. My wife has been in their Wedding Party twice, so far.

9) We're all for freedom of choice, so when our kid were younger, we never made them sign up for CCD classes, or encourage them to sit thru the long Sunday Masses.

10) When our oldest son told us he was homosexual, we encouraged him to stand up to bullies at school, told him it was OK to drop out of the Church since he didn't feel comfortable, and we both promised to support him with whomever he married, in which ever state he found his partner.

11) I think that nearly everyone goes to Heaven. When I go to someone's Funeral, I've never worried about where someone might

end up. Only the worst people are going to Hell. Since my wife and I, and our family, are all good people, we're just not very religious. I haven't been to Confession since grade school, when the Nuns made us go. I just made up sins, if I didn't have any to confess.

12) I drove home from a poker game, late one night, and heard a loud thump on my car. The next morning, on the 6am News, the police were looking for a hit-n-run vehicle with front bumper and headlight damage. I decided to call in sick, that morning, and I spent the day repairing the car, in my back yard. Even my wife thinks I had a cold, that weekend.

13) I had a hard time selling this old pick-up that I had, because everyone who test drove it, said there was a terrible noise in the manual transmission. A friend of mine said that I should change the fluid, and add plenty of saw dust shavings to the new fluid. Bingo! I sold the truck to the very next person who test drove it!

14) When I was 19, I studied the Taoist Religion for several months, and I even went to services for over a year. I keep my large copper medal, with the original feathers on it, hanging on the corner of my dresser mirror, and occasionally I say a prayer with it, after a natural diasaster.

15) When my mother died several years ago, she had asked me in her hospital room, to have two Masses said for her: one at one month, and one at the one year anniversary. I didn't do it because I

hardly ever go to church, anymore, myself!

16) I was sure my neighbor had killed my dog, one night, years ago, and I figured that revenge was best served cold. So nearly a year later, I quietly, and neatly, drained the oil from his car.

17) I was raised as a good Catholic girl, and I was even taught by Nuns, until the 8th Grade, and I seldom missed Mass. When I was 18, I met the man of my dreams, but he wasn't religious, so I had to choose, when it came time to get Married. I wanted a beautiful Church Wedding, but he would have none of it, claiming that it would be too expensive. We settled on a Justice-of-the-Peace.

18) We were on vacation a few years ago, along the coast of Maine. My wife and I, and our two pre-teen sons were walking along the rocky shore, and we noticed two fishermen, slowly picking their way down the rocky embankment path. At the bottom, they turned away from us, as we followed the shore toward the path they were using. The four of us then turned up the same path, up to the parking area. At the top, I realized that what must have been their pick-up truck, was the only other vehicle there. I just reached over the side, and picked up a nice, compact Honda generator, that was in the bed, and told my kids to shut up, and keep walking.

19) I was trying to repair my leaking bathroom faucet late one evening, and I dashed over to Home Depot. It was just before closing and I noticed a large bag of premium grass seed in the bottom of an

abandoned carriage, left at the far end of the lot. I suppose I could have turned it in to the store's lost and found, but who says the rightful owner would have ever claimed it? Besides, I was going to reseed the lawn, in a couple of weeks, anyway.

20) When I was a freshman in college, back in the 70's, my parents let me use the cabin in New Hampshire during Spring Break. I hosted wild parties there, every night, and I only knew, or invited, maybe half of them. Probably half were under-age, and we never refused anyone. On the last night, there was a fatal crash, and two kids I didn't even know, were killed. Of course, I never told my parents, and anyway, this was way before the party bartender rules, they have today.

21) My sister and her husband bought an expensive SUV 3 years ago, and I fell in love with it. I was so ashamed of my 14 year old Saturn Ion. I work as many hours as I can as an unmarried mother, and Home Health Aid, running errands for the elderly. My then 87 year old client, asked me to cash her winning 'Holiday Wishes' Instant Game Ticket, that was tucked in a Christmas card from her son. She said she scratched a 'Present' symbol in the top row, and won 10X \$10, or \$100, just in time for Christmas! I said sure, and cashed it at the quickie mart that night. The clerk said the ticket was worth over \$100,000, because there was a 'Stack of Coins' symbol, on the bottom row, so it was a winner of all 20 Prizes! The next week, I gave

her five \$20 bills, and I still care for her three years later.