

A couple of months ago, I bought myself an Instant Pot. After the first time I used it, was hooked! For those who don't know, an Instant Pot is a magical combination slow cooker/pressure cooker. With my Instant Pot, I've made Food Network worthy beef roast in twenty minutes. I've cooked a whole chicken to fall off the bone tender in less than thirty minutes. I've made soups and stews that would make my grandmother proud!

Okay, the Instant Pot commercial is over. (No, the Instant Pot people are not paying me to write this column!) But since I love this contraption so much, I have started collecting Instant Pot recipes. Online is a good place to go, of course. I did find a cookbook at a bookstore that looked intriguing. Great pictures that made my mouth water, and simple enough instructions and ingredients. So I bought it. What a mistake!

I'm not going to tell you the name of the cookbook, only to protect myself from being hunted down by the cookbook author. Let's just say I tried two of the recipes and ended up with two epic failures. Both of the recipes came out with burnt crud sticking to the bottom of the Instant Pot and raw meat on top. (You can't smell the food as it's cooking, so there was no warning of the scorching action till you open the Instant Pot.)

Needless to say, my confidence in this cookbook has gone right down the garbage disposal with the mess it instructed me to make.

Have you ever lost confidence in something you've read? A wrong fact stated as true made you distrust the author? Typos in the printed book kept you from reading any more of the careless publisher's work? Mistakes in an e-book kept you from buying more books from that author? The epic failure of two recipes in the same cookbook make you want to throw the cookbook out with yesterday's garbage?

Thankfully, we don't have to feel that way about the Bible, do we? It's a book without error. It's the story of God, the story of us, and the story of hope for the future. If it's in the Bible, you know it's true, and you can depend on it. With so many translations out there, it's possible to find a Bible that is easy enough even a child can understand it. Any ill feelings about the Bible or any lack of trust in what the Bible says comes from us and not the Bible itself.

In 2nd Timothy 3:16-17, we read, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

I'm probably not going to use my Instant Pot recipe book again. I don't trust it to make my food taste good! But I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, I will use my Bible over and over and over again. I trust it to make my life turn out good!