

Daily Devotion For July 24, 2022

“How I love your instruction! It is my meditation all day long.” Psalm 119:97

Last night, I went to pop my nightly popcorn and discovered that our microwave oven was broken. Perhaps from a power surge that took place on Thursday when much of Monterey was without power due to a transformer fire.

The microwave was invented in 1945 by Percy Spencer who was working for a company called Raytheon. He noticed that while he was near a radar set, a candy bar melted in his pocket. The idea occurred to him that microwaves from the radar were responsible for the melted candy bar. To test his theory, he tried to cook popcorn and then eventually exploded an egg. With some modification, Raytheon filed a patent for the cooking process later that year.

Another invention that many people use today is the crock pot. Irving Naxon developed the “Naxon Beanery All-Purpose Cooker” after his Jewish grandmother told him how her mother would cook a stew for several hours in an oven. The invention gained popularity in 1970 when it was reintroduced under the name “Crock-Pot” when, after many women began to work outside the home, it allowed them to start cooking dinner in the morning before they left for work.

It’s easy to cook in both the microwave and the slow cooker. The only difference between the two is time. Actually, time and *taste*. Because what you’ll find is that you can cook a steak in the microwave, but it won’t taste great. Neither will it be tender. But if you put the same piece of meat in a Crock-Pot, it’s going to come out with flavor and much easier to chew. Simmering, it seems, changes the composition. It just takes a little longer.

While most Christians would acknowledge that reading the Bible is important, many treat the Bible like a microwave. We want an immediate answer to some issue in our life or our world. We want what we want now. Immediately. Microwaved. But the Bible doesn’t work like that. It’s less like a microwave and more like a Crock-Pot.

Thought For Today: How do you treat your bible reading, like a microwave or Crock-Pot? Take time to let the word of God simmer in your heart and mind.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Pray for Pastor Mark Hall as he shares with us what God is doing in Mexico. Deo Volente.