

BOOK BRIEFS

Wisdom for Modern Man: Proverbs and Ecclesiastes from The Old Testament in Today's English Version. New York: American Bible Society, 1972. 15c.

The genius of this translation is the vivid language.

Examples: "A lie has a short life, but truth lives on forever" (Proverbs 12:19).

"The more you worry, the more likely you are to have bad dreams, and the more you talk, the more likely you are to say something foolish" (Ecclesiastes 5:3).

In handy pocket size, this Scripture portion of 69 pages makes possible, even in busy places, meditation on the fundamentals of wisdom. No book of the Bible better portrays the **how** of interpersonal relationships than Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes provides a kind of relief in that one becomes aware that even great men of the Bible saw life as meaningless at times.

Share the Word Now, by Albert McClellan. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1973. 128 pages. \$1.50.

This volume represents a traditional evangelical challenge to read and share the Bible in a way that brings it to bear upon every area of life. The author portrays the dull monotony of nominal Christianity, and calls for a renewal of personal faith and devotion and for variety and imagination in collective worship. Of a pastoral nature *Share the Word Now* is well-written and well-illustrated.

Jesus, Where Are You Taking Us?, Messages from the First International Lutheran Conference on the Holy Spirit, by Norris Wogen (Ed.). Carol Stream (Ill.): Creation House, 1973. 250 pages. \$4.95.

This is not for Lutherans only—speakers at this First International Conference include a Catholic priest, a layman from Indonesia, a Pentecostal Baptist, and Episcopalian ministers. Jesus is taking the Lutherans into unusual and controversial areas of experience. Healings, miracles, speaking in tongues, new power for living characterize the charismatic renewal testified to in these pages. In this conference hundreds of persons testified to miracles of healing. The messages and the happenings at the conference are reminiscent of Acts 2.

Abide in Christ: Studies in John 15, by James E. Rosscup. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1973. 254 pages. \$5.95.

The author believes that all the spiritual teaching our Lord gave in the Gospel of John and the Upper Room discourse reaches its apex in the illustration of the vine and the branches. Our spiritual “life-beat” flows from this relationship. Here is a worthwhile resource book for study groups and for personal devotional life.

Where Do I Go To Buy Happiness? Insights of a Christian Counselor, by Elizabeth Skoglund. Downer’s Grove (Ill.): Inter-Varsity Press, 1972. 157 pages. \$3.95.

The author, licensed in marriage and family counseling in the state of California, evidences wide experience in her task, especially in dealing with youth. Her approach combines a natural warmth and empathy with a psychological understanding of human behavior, her faith in God reinforcing the whole.