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Devotions on the Greek New Testament is a slim text that was written “to help students (and professors) keep their study of Greek a deeply *Spiritual* experience” (11). The editors tell us that the “need to know why you are studying Greek, particularly in relation to the ultimate purpose of strengthening your walk with the Lord, never fades into the background” (11). Well said!

J. Scott Duvall and Verlyn D. Verbrugge have gathered together some of the best evangelical scholars in the world for this helpful project. The 31 authors include names such as Darrell Bock; Craig Blomberg; Ben Witherington; Scot McKnight; Roy Ciampa; and Con Campbell to name just a few. Between them they have produced 52 devotions of roughly 2 pages each.

It’s clear that reading one devotion per week will allow the reader to work through the book in a year’s time but this volume can also be digested in a single sitting. Reflections on 25 of the 27 books of the New Testament are offered (2 & 3 John excepted), with the authors choosing to focus on various features of the text, whether lexical, syntactical, rhetorical, or otherwise.

One constant theme throughout the devotions is that certain things don’t necessarily translate into a receptor language and can only really be noticed by reading the Greek original. This isn’t to say that any of the authors propose that Scripture’s secret message can only be decoded if one knows Greek, but each author is able to highlight subtle things that are often lost in translation.

Devotions on the Greek New Testament offers plenty of food for thought for the interested reader. I can certainly see how the busy pastor, recent seminary grad, or motivated layman would be inspired to keep up with their study of Greek through reading the reflections in this volume. Add one more to Zondervan's ever-increasing library of helpful language reference books.