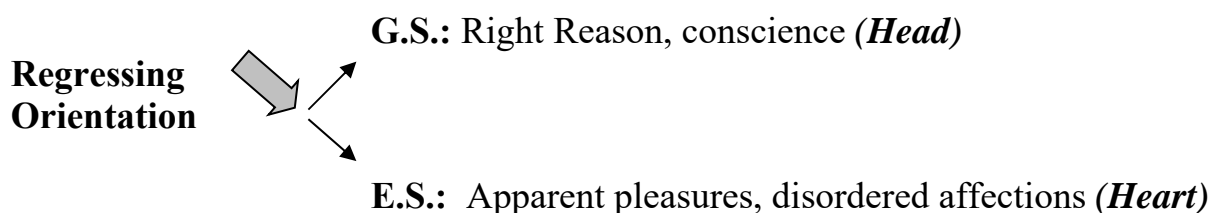


SPIRITUAL ORIENTATIONS

Spiritually Regressing Persons: (from Bad to Worse)

The *evil spirit* often tempts individuals who are living in sinful unfreedom with continued apparent pleasures, enslaving them in their *disordered affections* (i.e., sinful tendencies, attitudes, behaviors, gratifications, compulsions, addictions, etc.) with the sole purpose to lead them away from God toward desolation. On the other hand, the *good spirit* often appeals to *right reason* (conscience) to help them experience the purifying grace of God which leads them toward God in the experience of consolation.



Spiritually Progressing Persons: (from Good to Better)

The *evil spirit* often tempts individuals who are striving to grow spiritually and deepening their relationship with God with sadness, turmoil and confusion (*disordered affections and false reasoning*). Whereas, the *good spirit* will console by giving them courage, strength, trust, peace, joy (*right-ordered affections*). In the spiritually progressing or maturing Christians, the good spirit often impresses more effectively the heart rather than the head. This means we grow in awareness and sensitivity of how we are touched by God's love and grace in the stirrings of our hearts.

