



The Spiritual Life of an Administrator

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It is essential that an individual working in church administration be connected to God.

Not only do you need God's
help to do your work well,
God will use you to bless others.

Seventh-day Adventists promote
and believe in a balanced
life that includes:

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spiritual

Micah 6:8 gives us some direction:

“He has shown you, O man,
what is **good**; and what does
the Lord require of you but to
do **justly**, to love **mercy**, and to
walk **humbly** with your God?”

Did you catch that?

Do What Is Right.

Do not shirk your duty.

Apply Mercy.

Don't be so rigid in your duty that you neglect mercy.

Be Humble.

You do not have all the answers.

Remember to rely on Christ.

Paul speaks of the characteristics of a spiritual life in Colossians 1:9-18

“filled with the knowledge of His will”

“walk worthy of the Lord”

“fully please Him”

“be fruitful in every good work”

“increase in the knowledge of God”

A connection with **Christ** in all
you do will have a powerful
effect on your influence.

Let's look at things
that affect your
spiritual life.

1.

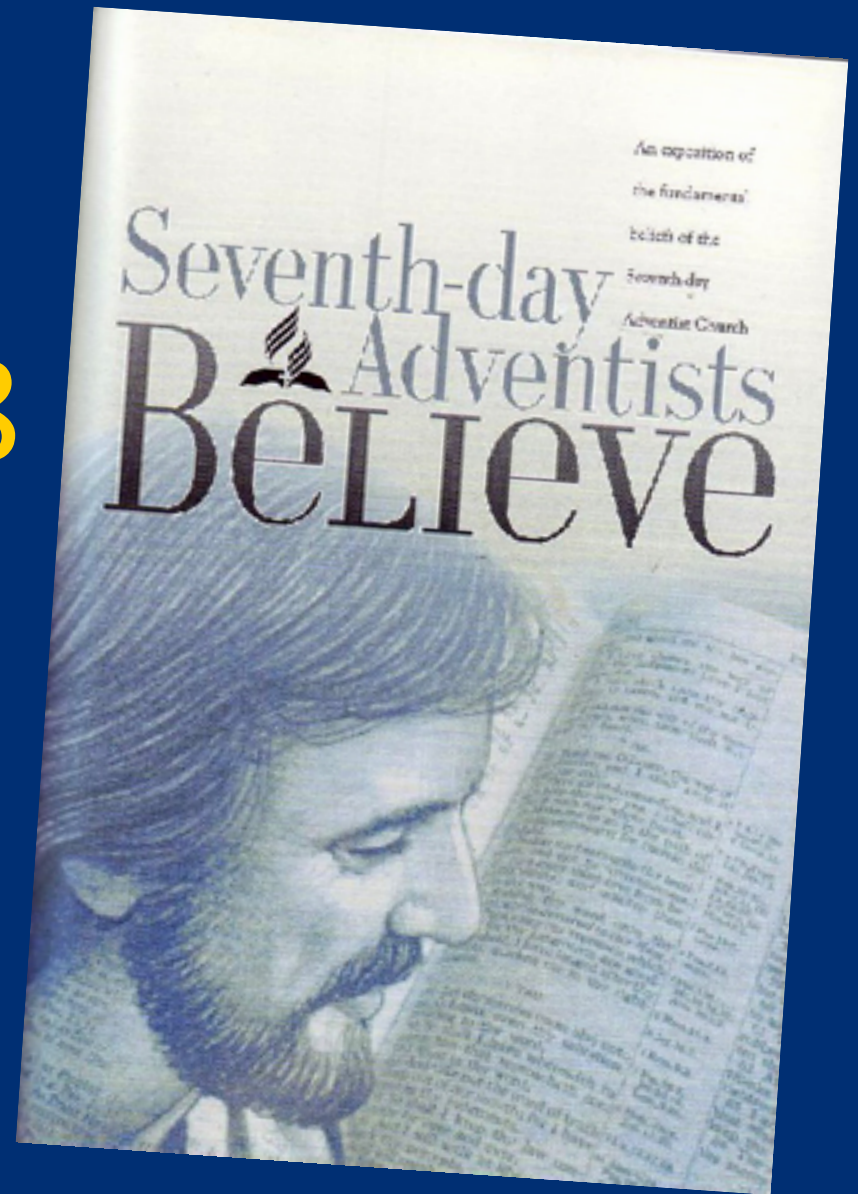
Study of and Literal Belief in the Word of God.



- Study the Word daily
- Keep to a literal acceptance and understanding
- Use the historical-Biblical method of interpreting Scriptures
- Preach the Word

2.

Trust in the 28 Fundamental Beliefs.



- Trust in the 28 fundamental beliefs
- Know the beliefs
- Recognize they are based in the Bible
- Stand up for the beliefs and support them
- Teach them to others
- Promote them

3.



Trust completely
in and study the
Spirit of Prophecy.

- Accept the Spirit of Prophecy as one of God's greatest gifts
- Read the Spirit of Prophecy daily
- Believe in it
- Promote it
- Use it
- Teach it
- Support it

4.

Have an active prayer life.



- Pray morning, noon, and night
- Ask the Lord for guidance in counseling, chairing committees, working on projects, dealing with problems—every activity of the day
- You will not be successful without prayer

5.

Believe in
revival and
reformation



- Recognize we are living in Laodicean times
- Be willing to humble yourself before God
- Ask your fellow leaders to seek the Holy Spirit's help with you

6.

Share your faith.



- Be willing to be used by the Holy Spirit
- Share your faith personally
- Be willing to hold public evangelistic meetings
- Fulfill the Great Commission



7.

Lift up
Christ, His
righteousness,
and the
Sanctuary.

- Lift up Christ in all you do
- Make Christ the focus of your life
- Speak often of Him to others
- Only through Christ's ministry in His life, death, and ministry as High Priest can we have assurance of eternal life

8.



Proclaim the
Three
Angels'
Messages

- Proclaim this message with a loud voice
- Recognize the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a unique message to proclaim to the earth
- Proclaim it with the power of the Holy Spirit

9. Have a sunny disposition.



- Be positive in your approach to life
- Have a sunny disposition when relating to others
- Bring encouragement to others
- Be part of the solution, not part of the problem
- Bring reconciliation to those around you



10.
Be observant
and affirming.

- Observe others accomplishments
- Be affirming
- Bring encouragement
- Remember that you are part of a team

11.

Trust in
God's
leading.



- Never doubt God is leading the Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Trust in the promises of Scripture
- Trust in the Spirit of Prophecy
- Know that God has called this church to a unique role to lift up the true worship of God



12. Be sure to exercise and eat properly.

- Recognize that exercise, sleep, rest, recreation, and diet affect your spiritual life
- Take time for proper exercise
- Get enough rest
- Eat a vegetarian diet
- Avoid harmful beverages and other detrimental habits

13.

Be fair and
balanced.



- Be known as one who is fair
- Evaluate situations carefully
- Be impartial
- Make reasonable decisions based on Biblical principles
- Take counsel from the Spirit of Prophecy



14. Be a good listener.

- Learn the art of listening
- Reserve comments until after hearing the whole story
- Don't jump to conclusions
- Wait and listen
- Be willing to learn



15.
Seek
counsel
from
others.

- Ask for counsel from Godly people
- Do not think you know all the answers
- Seek guidance from those who know the Lord and you can trust



16. Stand for the right.

- Be willing to stand for what is right
- Don't be afraid to stand for something even if it is unpopular
- Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in forming opinion and belief
- Stand tall for truth

17.



Stand for those who cannot
stand.

- Be willing to stand for people or causes that have no voice and need to be heard
- Ask God for guidance
- Follow the ministry of Christ



18.

As for
wisdom
every
day.

- Each morning claim James 1:5 asking for wisdom
- Realize you are powerless without the wisdom of heaven
- God will give you what you need to accomplish your tasks



19. Be a humble servant.

- Remember you are God's servant
- Remember Jesus' words that whoever would be chief should be a servant
- Follow Christ's example



20. Believe Christ is coming soon.

- Accept and believe the prophecies indicating Christ's soon return
- Shape your thinking in accordance with this belief
- Know we are living in the last days of earth's history
- Preach about Christ's return

As a **Seventh-day Adventist**
administrator seek to increase your
spiritual connection with **heaven**.

Commit yourself to Proverbs 3:5, 6:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

“We must have a greater nearness to God. Much less of self and much more of Jesus Christ and His grace must be brought into our every day life.”

Selected Messages, vol. 2, p. 376

Plead with God for **revival** and
reformation in your life
and His church.

“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.”

Selected Messages, vol. 1, p. 121

Finally, ponder the counsel in
1 Peter 1:13-21.

“Therefore gird up the loins
of your mind, **be sober**, and
rest your hope fully upon the
grace that is to be brought to
you at the revelation of Jesus
Christ . . .”

