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:

mental  physical  social  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
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
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
As for wisdom every day.

18.
• 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
• Remember you are God’s servant
• Remember Jesus’ words that whoever would be chief should be a servant
• Follow Christ’s example
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 . . .”