

LAMPLIGHTERS INTERNATIONAL – DISCIPLE-MAKER TIP #15
TITLE: "FINDING GENERAL GRANT"

Do you know that President Abraham Lincoln was largely ineffective as the commander-in-chief during the Civil War until he found General Grant? Grant's predecessors such as George B. McClellan were great tacticians but wouldn't follow Lincoln's orders. Lincoln became so frustrated with General McClellan that he once said, *"If General McClellan does not want to use the army, I would like to borrow it for a time."*

A good Bible Study leader leads the Bible Study group effectively and trains new leaders to start and lead new Bible Study groups. An effective Bible Study leader should be on the constant lookout for "General Grants" within the Bible Study group. General Grants are those individuals who have their lessons completed each week, make a valuable contribution to the group time by offering valuable spiritual insight, and show future leadership capabilities.

When I start a new Bible Study group, I immediately look for one or more believers who can be trained to lead other Bible Studies. As soon as I identify a potential leader, I meet with them personally to thank them for being such a good example and for contributing to the spiritual development of others within the small group. I inquire if they would be willing to lead the group sometime in the future. If they show some interest, I begin to train them to become effective Bible Study leaders.

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