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#### Titus 1

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness,

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- 11 And it was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,
- 12 to equip the saints for works of ministry and to build up the body of Christ,
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