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Allos – Another Of The Same Kind

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Dedication

To the Elders of the campus churches of the *Allos* Diocese.

You have turned out to be great missionaries. I love you all very much.

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Chapter 1

Allos Is Good

The Greek word "*Allos*" means "*another of the same kind*". This is in contrast to "*heteros*" which means "*another of a different kind*". Heteros is used to describe something or someone who is different but similar.

One of the strong delusions affecting up-and-coming pastors is the delusion that, "*I am something special, new and original that the world has been waiting for*." The deception that, "At *my arrival, a new and special thing will be introduced into the earth*."

Our aim must be to love the Lord and to do whatever He wants us to do. There is a key Scripture that can keep us all on the right track.

…but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

John 7:18

In all that we do, our aim must be to seek the glory of Him that sent us. Our aim must not be to be special or unique in any way. We must desire to be an allos of Jesus. Only the pure in heart shall see God. What is in our hearts is important. Why do we want to be different? Why do we want to be special? Is it not the pride of life that drives this need in us to be different from everyone else? I have come to see that I am not different from any other minister. I am not some rare species whom Christ has chosen for the end- time move. Such thoughts only lead to error. I am a member of the Lord's army. I stand among the ranks and I am glad to be another of the same kind *(allos*).

Do you want to be a teacher in the house of the Lord? God has been raising up teachers for many years. If God is going to give you a teaching gift, you will simply be another teacher of the same kind. Do you want to raise up a great church? Don't start your ministry in deception. Your church must simply be another church of the same kind.

Thoughts of being unique keep people away from learning from obvious examples in front of them. God wants to raise up more shepherds of the same kind. Shepherds who love the sheep! Shepherds who are anointed to feed.

Allos in Creation

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...

Genesis 1:26

When the Lord created man, he created something that was like Himself. He said that let us make something that is like us: another of the same kind. We were all created as *alloses*.

There are many similarities between man and God because we are made in His image. God is a Spirit and the Father of spirits. Human beings are also spirits living in bodies. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit make up the Trinity we know. Man as spirit, soul and body also makes up a triune being. When men walk in their creative and inventive elements they are clearly exhibiting the likeness of God. *Allos*: another of the same kind!

Allos Is Good

And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind…and God saw that it was good. And God created…every living creature …after their KIND…and God saw that it was good. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind...and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:12, 21, 25

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good...

Genesis 1:27, 31

Almighty God created things to produce after their kind. The grass produces another of the same kind, the herbs produce another of the same kind, and the whales produce another of the same kind. Even man produces another of the same kind. The Lord God saw that another of

the same kind was a good thing! Instead of being preoccupied with producing another of a different kind, let us do what is good.

Do you want to be a good singer? Do not aim wide. Aim at something you can achieve. Desire something that you can lay hold on. Desire to be an *allos*. Your singing ministry will by all means be another of the same kind. Make no mistake about it: when God wants to bring forth another great singer, He is just going to bring forth another of the same kind: an *allos* of someone else.

What I Have Seen Under the Sun

There is something that I have seen under the sun and it is this: **everyone that is great in ministry is an allos of someone else.** Everyone who is a great worship leader is an *allos* of some worship leader somewhere. Everyone who is a great evangelist is an *allos* of another evangelist. Every great man of God is an *allos* of some man of God somewhere.

Every anointing is the allos of another anointing. The anointing that came on Peter, James and John was simply an allos of the anointing that was on Jesus their master. The anointing that was on Elisha was simply another of the same kind of what was on Elijah.

Recently, I was having breakfast in a hotel in South Africa. Here came a famous Christian singer whose music and CDs were played all over the world. As we sat together, one of my pastors, Pastor Oko asked him a question, “Who has influenced you in your music ministry?”

He answered, “Oh, Andre Crouch has been my greatest inspiration.”

I immediately understood why this fellow was doing so well. He was a shameless *allos*! He was proud to be another of the same kind.

I have noticed that all those who do well in any field, are *alloses* who closely follow after someone of the same kind. Whether it is preaching, singing, healing, or to pastor, the principle is the same. **God is producing another of the same kind and He continually says that it is a good thing.**

Why Allos Is Good

1. It is a good thing because it is a humble thing!

2. It is a good thing because no one can boast except in the Lord who created all things.

3. It is a good thing because it is possible to have many great gifts and not just one.

4. It is a good thing because the blessings of God are going to be passed on to another generation. Not only will there be one great man of God for this generation, but there will be another of the same kind for the next generation.

5. Not only will there be one great singer, but many of the same kind. Everywhere those gifted voices are needed to help the anointing flow, there will be an allos.

Greatness in Allos

Decide to be a great man of God, decide to be become a great worship leader. Become a choir leader and a shepherd people will not forget. How can you do this? The answer is simple: become another of the same kind. Let us not become mystical about the formula to greatness in God. Let us not beat about the bush. Let's go directly to God's method of producing another of the same kind. If it is great, another of the same kind will also be great. If it is anointed, another of the same kind will be anointed. If it is powerful, another of the same kind will be powerful.

I believe that God has called me to serve Him. I am not special and I am not different. I am simply another of the kind that God has raised up already. I want to find someone with a similar calling and follow hard after him.

It won't be long and we will be going home. I don't have much time for trial and error. I cannot afford any time for experiments. I may be in the middle of an experiment when the Lord calls me. I need to get straight to the point. I need the anointing and I need it fast! I need to preach well and I need to preach well now! I need to heal the sick and raise the dead and I want it to happen within the time the Lord has given me.

How about you? How many years of experimentation are you going to dabble with until you become humble and become another of the same kind?

Churches that work are pastored by pastors of a certain kind. Churches that grow are pastored by men and women of a certain kind. Since that is also your vision, why don't you become another of the same kind?

Allos is the way to the anointing. Allos is the key to greatness in God. *Allos* is the open door for you to enter the things of the kingdom.

I cannot pretend. What I do is what I have learnt from others. What I teach is what has been taught by another of the same kind. How I minister is what I learnt from an allos.

I have no shame about pressing hard after others of the same kind. God said it was good so it must be very good. If it is good for God, it is good for me.

Furthermore, by these few pages, my son, be admonished because of making many books there is no end

Chapter 2

Principles of Allos

1. When you become an *allos*, you discover the truth that there is nothing new under the sun.

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

Ecclesiastes 1:9-10

Indeed, there is nothing new under the sun. This is a fact that you must accept. You have nothing *new* to offer and your life will not introduce anything special.

Like most ministers, I once thought I was introducing something new. I thought I had some new gifts and ideas, which no one else had ever had.

With time, I discovered that all that I was doing had been done before. Every single thing I am doing and saying I have found people who said them before I did.

The truth about my ministry is that I am simply following hard after others I genuinely admire. I want to be like them and I am not ashamed to say so! I like their spirit! I like their flow! If I can be another of the same kind, I think it would be a great achievement for me.

2. Becoming an *allos* is advantageous because you are becoming something that is already successful and working.

You are free from the disadvantage of experimentation. You are free from years of wasting time as you discover principles that have worked over and over again.

3. Becoming an *allos* saves you from the disadvantage of having to create a new name.

Making a name is not easy. That is why names are sold as franchises. A good name is one of the most valuable things on earth. Becoming another of the same kind means you are another with the same kind of name. When you do not mind the association, you can truly benefit from being an *allos*.

4. Becoming an *allos* makes you humble.

It takes humility to admit that you are not an original. When people are impressed with your ministry, it is not easy to reveal that your message is not original. When people are impressed with your style it is not easy to reveal that you learnt it from somewhere else. Thank God for the humility that becoming an *allos* gives.

5. Becoming an *allos* makes you dependent and sheep-like.

The sheep nature is different from the serpent nature. It is the nature of snakes to be independent and solitary. This is the very opposite of how you must be if you want to walk with the Lord. To be another of the same kind, you will have to depend on someone, you will have to learn from someone and you will have to follow someone.

6. Becoming an *allos* gives you access to strategies and formulae that have worked for your kind.

When I decide to become another of the same kind, all I need are the methods which are used by my *allos*. What worked for him will work for me. I simply copy the systems and techniques that have produced results in my *allos*. Since I am going to be the same kind, the same kind of methods that worked for him will surely work for me!

7. Becoming an *allos* makes you a member of a particular group.

This unique group of people who are of the same kind, have many things in common. You can now fellowship freely because you have similar challenges and similar experiences. Whenever I meet *allos* pastors, I can relax and enjoy their company. I can share my challenges and be encouraged by others with similar experiences. In my experience, medical students were often a close-knit family. This is because, together, they experience intense struggles. *Heteros* students (other students of a different kind) were often unable to relate with the challenges of the medical students.

8. Becoming an allos gives you an easy road to ministry.

Many who are called to the ministry do not know how to walk the road of ministry. They know God has called them but don't have a clue as to how to progress. Many men of God do not know how to climb into higher heights in ministry. They see other men of God accomplishing great things but don't know that they can do the same!

The road to accomplishing the same things is clear now. Humble yourself and become another of the same kind. Don't try to be unique, special or different. Just become an *allos*. Become another of the same kind. Use the techniques they used. Follow them very closely. Preach what they preach. Pray in the same way that they pray. Seek God in the same way that they do. Have as close a relationship to God as they do. You will surely become another of the same kind.

9. When you become an *allos*, you move into new areas of ministry faster.

Becoming an *allos* quickens your rate of advancement in life and ministry. Because you are following a well-chartered road, you have the benefit of those who went on before you. You will not be slowed down by the things that slowed them down. You will move through obstacles faster because your kind will give you tips on how to overcome.

Without experiments and trials, anyone would be faster. One day, I was going somewhere with someone. He was in his car ahead and I was in mine. When he got into traffic, he called me and told me not to come the way he had gone because there was too much traffic. I ended up getting there faster than he did because he saved me from having to go through his problem. This is common sense. Becoming an *allos* is actually the art of using common sense.

10. Understanding *allos* helps you when you encounter difficulties.

Have you ever wondered why doctors are calm in the face of apparent emergencies? It is because they have seen many other situations of the same kind (*allos*). When you meet an *allos* problem or crisis, you are calm because you know this kind. You overcome it faster because you have been taught about this kind of situation.

11. *Allos* creates an army of multiplied force.

The joint effort of people of the same kind produces greater results. Bible teaches that two are better than one. It goes on to say that a threefold cord is not easily broken.

And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

Two of the same kind is better than one! Three of the same kind, are not easily broken. The multiplied strength of *allos* is phenomenal. When people of the same mind walk and work together, great power is released.

How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight

Deuteronomy 32:30

One of a kind shall put to flight a thousand but two of the same kind shall put to flight ten thousand.

12. *Allos* is the natural way to increase.

The natural way that all of creation multiplies is by producing another of the same kind.

And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind and God saw that it was good. And God created every living CREATURE…after their KIND and God saw that it was good. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind and God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:12, 21, 25

The natural way that the church will grow from glory to glory is to produce pastors of the same kind, leaders of the same kind, and shepherds of the same kind. I do not dispute that there are other ways to move forward. But I can share what has worked for me. *Allos! Allos! Allos!* I want to be like my Saviour. I want to be exactly like Him.

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

1 John 4:17

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Chapter 3

Allos: The Key to the Anointing

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another (*ALLOS*) Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

John 14:16

In the Scripture above, Jesus calls the Comforter, another of the same kind. The word *another* in this verse, is the Greek word *allos*. This means another comforter of the same kind. Jesus could have used the word *heteros* which would also have been translated another. But *heteros* would have meant another help of a different kind.

The Holy Spirit (Comforter) is the anointing. When Jesus promised another comforter of the same kind, He was promising another anointing of the same kind. He was showing that the same kind of anointing with which He had ministered would be available to the apostles when He left.

Most pastors would hasten their progress in the ministry if they would understand this simple truth. There is no new and special anointing that God wants to give you. He is simply going to give you another of the same kind. Even the apostles were promised another of the same kind.

If you study my life and ministry, you will discover that all that I have done is to follow another of the same kind. I constantly train pastors and write books for ministers. This is nothing unusual. It is another of the same kind of anointing that is on my father in the ministry, Kenneth Hagin. I constantly preach and teach the Word of God in church and God has given me a mega church. This is nothing peculiar to me. It is another of the same kind of anointing that is on other men of God I follow.

The world's system teaches that the way to be qualified is to go to school. But the biblical pattern of becoming anything in the ministry is to become an *allos*. Becoming an *allos* is the natural way by which God produces ministers. Pride and presumption often keep us from becoming *alloses*.

Practically speaking, if you were able to do as much as certain people ahead of you, it would be a great achievement. Forget about outshining others. If you can just be as good as some of the guys ahead of you, you would achieve a lot. The ministry is a very difficult thing. It takes a lot of grace to even please God. The truth is, there is nothing we can do to please Him. This only complicates the matter. Because in our striving, we must always know that it is by His grace and not by our works. Yet, we are expected to bestow labour on the fields that are white unto harvest. Humility is the greatest achievement in the ministry, yet it is so elusive. Most of us follow after human indicators of greatness. But Christ has shown what true greatness is. To humbly follow a man, to be obedient and to bear fruit in humility is no mean task. God does not require much from us. He expects us to become an *allos* of something that is working.

The *Alloses* of Elijah

Elijah had two well-known *alloses*: Elisha and John the Baptist . The Bible is clear on this fact. Elisha asked for a double portion of the anointing that was on Elijah and he got it (2 Kings 2:9). Jesus described John the Baptist as coming in the spirit of Elijah. He actually said, “This is Elias, which was for to come” (Matthew 11:14).

Whenever you have another of the same kind of anointing, it produces the same kind of works. A close look at the lives and ministries of these two *alloses* will show us how true this is. This revelation should inspire you to get an *allos* anointing.

Allos No.1: Elisha

Elijah	Elisha
He prayed for the bringing back to life of a little boy (1 Kings 17: 17-24).	He also prayed for the raising up of a dead boy (2 Kings 4: 32-37).
Made miraculous utterances (1 Kings 21: 28-29).	He also made miraculous utterances (2 Kings 8: 12).
Had 16 miracles in his ministry	Had 32 miracles in his ministry

Elijah	Elisha
He caused a famine for three and a half years (1 Kings 17: 1, James 5: 17).	He also prayed and there was a famine for seven years (2 Kings 8: 1-2).
Multiplied the meal and oil for a widow (1 Kings 17: 8-16.)	He also increased the oil of a widow (2 Kings 4: 1-7).
He dried up the river Jordan (2 Kings 2: 8).	He also dried up the river Jordan (2 Kings 2: 13-15).

Allos No.2: John the Baptist

Elijah	John the Baptist
Was anointed with the Spirit and power (2 Kings 1 : 9-10).	Was filled with the Spirit and with power (Luke 1 : 17).
Lived in the desert at a point (1 Kings 17: 3, 19: 4).	Was also known to dwell in the wilderness (Luke 1 : 80).
Had a peculiar appearance (2 Kings 1 : 8).	Was also known to dress in camel skin (Matthew 3 : 4).
Elijah ate strange food from the mouth of ravens (1 Kings 17: 4).	John also ate locusts and wild honey (Matthew 3 : 4).
He confronted the king of his day, King Ahab (1 Kings 18: 17-18).	He also confronted the ruler of his day, King Herod (Matthew 14: 3, 4).
The king desired to kill him (2 Kings 1 : 9).	The King sought to kill him (Matthew 14: 3-5).
Elijah preached righteousness (1 Kings 18 : 20-24).	John the Baptist's main message was repentance (Matthew 21 : 32).

Elijah	John the Baptist
Was hated by the king's wife, Jezebel (1 Kings 19: 1-7).	Was also hated by Herod's wife (Matthew 14: 3-10).
Was very influential in the land (1 Kings 18: 25-41).	Also had great influence in the land in his day (Mark 11 : 32).
Elijah was linked to John the Baptist in prophecy.	John the Baptist was linked to Elijah in prophecy (Malachi 3 :1, Malachi 4: 5-6, Isaiah 40 : 3).
Shall be the forerunner to the second coming of Christ (Malachi 4: 5-6).	Was the forerunner to the first coming of Christ (Malachi 3: 1).

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Chapter 4

Allos: The Key to Solving Problems

In the book of Revelation, John saw a terrible beast (problem) rising out of the sea. He was amazed at the strange and frightening appearance of this beast.

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

Revelation 13:1-2

But this was not the end. He suddenly saw an *allos*! Another of the same kind! The Scripture describes how he saw another beast of the same kind emerging from beneath the ocean.

And I beheld another (*ALLOS*) beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

Revelation 13:11

It is important to recognize problems of a similar nature when they arise. This will help you to know what you are dealing with.

I once preached at a church in which the people were really blessed. The pastor of the church was also happy with the message. However, a few days later, this pastor told me that he was not happy about certain things I had said in his church. I was taken aback because he had initially said that he was very happy with the message. This pastor continued to take up the issue, explaining that certain people among his pastors and congregation were not happy with my preaching. I came to realize that there was a political spirit at work in that congregation. The church was run on the strength of rumours, criticism and gossip. The different groups

and factions always had an opinion about what was going on in the church. It was a church fraught with division, politics and infighting.

On another occasion, I preached in another church elsewhere. After the message, the pastor was very happy and congratulated me. He went on to say that he would have liked me to preach that very same message in his church at a larger Sunday service. He wanted the whole church to hear it. But I explained that I would not be available for that service. However, to my surprise, this pastor called me up later and rebuked me for things that I had said in the message. I apologized immediately for the wrong things that I had said. He explained that after I left, some of his leaders had voiced their objection to parts of my message. I was taken aback.

But it was just another of the same kind of church in which rumours, gossip and infighting were common. I noticed many similarities in these two churches. It was an *allos* of the church I described earlier. I was just having another of the same kind of experience.

The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another (*ALLOS*) steppeth down before me.

John 5:7

This verse shows how there were several people with the same kind of problem in the same place. Since they were all of the same kind, they all tried to receive their healing at the same time. Just as our friend was about to receive his miracle, another of the same kind would step into the pool and receive his healing first.

In life and ministry, it is important to recognize *allos* problems. An *allos* problem is another problem of the same kind.

Whenever you encounter another problem of the same kind, you know how it starts and how it ends. You have seen that kind before so you know what the progression is like.

In the practice of medicine, doctors use this principle all the time. They know about certain kinds of diseases and how they progress. This is how they are able to predict when people will die. That is why they can confidently say things like, “You’ll be alright.” That is how come they do

not seem worried about things that disturb their patients. This is what medical people call the prognosis. The prognosis is the medical prediction of how things will turn out. Whenever doctors see a problem of the same kind, they immediately give a prognosis.

Knowledge of the kinds of problems and challenges that face others can greatly encourage you in the ministry.

Siniazo

I remember being challenged on many occasions by complex situations. I felt that I was constantly under great pressure. I remember praying to the Lord to relieve me of some of the diverse pressures I was experiencing in the ministry. I knew that none of the people around me could understand my problems. This is because no one in my team really stood in my place.

There is a place of loneliness when you are the leader. Although people may not know it, there are several times I have despaired of life. I would long for Heaven because I did not want to be here anymore. I began to understand how the day of one's death was better than the day of one's birth (Ecclesiastes 7:1b). Many of Solomon's sayings have become real to me.

At a point, I thought I was simply depressed or becoming very melancholic. I did not know that I was experiencing another of the same kind of problem that the Apostle Paul had. Then I discovered a verse in which Paul described his problems.

He described being "pressed out of measure, above strength". He explained how he had even despaired of life. I was quite surprised that Paul would describe such pressure. But I was encouraged to know of someone who had experienced my predicament. I realized that it was an allos problem. Another of the same kind of pressure that confronts ministers at a certain level.

For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

2 Corinthians 1:8-9

After this, I also discovered how the enemy pressurized Peter. Jesus told him, “Satan wants to sift you as wheat.” “Sift” comes from a Greek word “*Siniazo*” which means “*to shake in a sieve*” and “*to cause inward agitation and to try one’s faith to the verge of overthrow*”.

Then I realized that both Paul and Peter had experienced *siniazo*. God had allowed them to be brought to the brink.

It is encouraging to meet another of your kind. You have much in common and your problems are similar. God is able to help you in the same way that He helped the other.

My book, “Loyalty and Disloyalty” has blessed many people. I have had countless testimonies from pastors of different churches in different countries. Some have said to me, “It is as though you knew what happened in our church.” When I preach on loyalty and disloyalty, pastors are always grateful that they didn’t give me inside information before I preached. It was as though I was talking about particular people and what they had done in the church.

If you are running a church of the Lord Jesus Christ, you will encounter the same devil. Your church will encounter an *allos* of Judas. Why not find out more about this kind so that when you meet him, you recognize him and deal with him.

Your challenge to achieve church growth will be the same as mine. It is an *allos* problem. Your challenge to eliminate disloyal leaders will be the same as mine. It is an *allos* problem.

I marvel when I meet pastors and leader who do not read much. I am amazed at pastors who do not listen to preaching by others of the same kind.

Allos **and Pastors’ Wives**

Pastor’s wives have similar problems. They are married to men of God who have a supernatural and natural side. They are expected to be perfect wives and to have perfect marriages. Many pastors’ wives live in fear that one day, the bubble will burst and people will know that their marriages and homes are not perfect at all. Just one discussion with an

allos pastor's wife, will give you 70% of the healing and help that is needed.

The discovery that other pastors' wives experience the same challenges will be the greatest source of healing and restoration for your marriage. It is not easy to be isolated in your problems. Having fellowship with others of the same kind is essential.

Allos and Disloyalty

This is how I recognize disloyal people. By this principle of *allos*! Traitors and betrayers are so similar but they don't know it. They speak in the same way and act in the same way. The problems they give in the budding stages are often exactly the same.

When they think they are outsmarting me, I just chuckle to myself because they are often exact copies of each other. Someone who is soon to leave to you often manifests certain traits. All you need is one or two experiences and you will always recognize them in their infantile stage.

As you become experienced with *allos* disloyalty and familiarity, you will be able to detect and abort Satan's plan for your ministry.

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Chapter 5

Allos: The Key to Team Work

And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and ANOTHER (ALLOS) reapeth.

John 4:37

When people of the same kind work together, it is possible to truly play as a team: “One soweth and another reapeth”. When people are not of the same kind, it is very difficult to work together. Conflicts in church leadership are caused when people of different motives are blended together.

If I have ambitions for wealth, my decisions will be different from someone who has ambitions for bearing fruit. There will be continuous conflict because we are of different kinds.

I have had great joy in transferring some pastors from certain churches to others. When another of the same kind takes over, there is great encouragement for the church. Such changes bring growth for the church. Both pastors realize they are transitional servants of the Lord with a “limited lease period” in which to please the Lord. No one is there for personal gain and everyone wants to do his best in his season. One plants the church, and another of the same kind waters it. Because they are of the same kind, they all recognize when it is time for change. However such moves do not work where there are people with different ambitions.

Paul and Apollos were *alloses*: they were of the same kind.

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another (ALLOS) buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon

1 Corinthians 3:10

Paul did not mind laying a foundation for another to build upon. He did not mind starting up and allowing someone else to continue the work. Paul planted the church and another of the same kind (Apollos) watered it.

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Chapter 6

Allos: The Key to Being Led by the Spirit

There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.

1 Corinthians 14:10

Many years ago I heard Kenneth Hagin say that one of the most important factors in bringing him to where he was in the ministry was the ability to hear the voice of God and to be led by the Spirit of God.

I think that after being in the ministry for some years myself, I fully agree with that statement. I believe that the single greatest factor that leads to promotion in ministry is your ability to hear the voice of God. Hearing the voice of God and obeying it is the key to promotion. Read it for yourself; this fact is not implied, it is stated explicitly in the Bible.

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Deuteronomy 28:1

As you can see, being set on high is contingent on hearkening to (hearing) the voice of the Lord.

The other day, someone asked me how I knew the voice of God. He said, “How can you tell that it is God’s voice?” The answer is simple: *allos*!

I answered him, “How can I tell my wife’s voice (or anyone’s voice for that matter)? I have heard it several times so I just know when it is her voice.”

Allos Dreams

How can I know that this dream is from God or from the devil? How can I know whether this impression is from the Lord or from the enemy? How can I know whether this vision is from the Lord or not? The answer is simple. Is it an *allos* dream, vision or voice?

And I heard another (ALLOS) voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Revelation 18:4

The word “another” in the Scripture above is the Greek word *allos* and it means another voice of the same kind. As you walk with the Lord, you will initially experiment with dreams, visions and voices. After a while, you would have had some dreams, which you confirmed to yourself as being God-sent. From then on, you need to look out for *allos* dreams, visions and voices. In other words, when you have a dream you must ask yourself, “Is this another dream of the same kind?”

When I have a dream or vision, the first thing I do is to find out whether this dream is another of the kind of dream that brings direction to my life or another that brings fear and accusations.

One day, I had a dream about the presidential elections in our country. The dream was so vivid and I woke up unusually in the middle of the night (at about three a.m.). The dream came to pass and the elections turned out as predicted. Later on, I had another dream of the same kind (*allos*). It woke me up in the middle of the night and I had to write it down. I knew immediately that I had had an *allos* dream. I knew that this was the voice of God for me.

Allos Voices

There are times that God speaks to me by bringing things to my mind. One night, the Lord woke me up and spoke to me about a pastor in my church. As the thoughts came to my mind, I knew that it was the voice of God speaking to me. The Lord asked me to speak to this pastor in the morning. I did, and the results were exactly as He had told me. This fellow resigned immediately.

Often, when the Lord speaks to me about one of my pastors, I know when He has spoken. It is the same kind of voice and it comes in the same way. That is how I recognize it. One day, the Lord gave me an unusual dream about one of my staff. In the dream, this staff member was complaining bitterly about several things. It was so unusual and didn’t seem real. But I knew that it was the voice of God. It came to pass

exactly as I had seen it. But I didn't have to wait for it to happen. It was an *allos* and it is easy to recognize the *alloses*.

May your eyes be opened to recognize the kind of vision, voice or dream the Lord will speak to you by.

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Chapter 7

Allos: The Key to a Happy Marriage

And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another [allos], committeth adultery against her.

Mark 10:11

Many do not understand the stance of the Lord Jesus on divorce. The Lord says that it is sin to put away your spouse and to marry another. There is a reason for this. Marriage is a relationship between two human beings. Many of the problems encountered by one marriage are encountered by another.

When taken over by deception, many spouses become discontent with each other. Husbands often feel that there is a better woman out there. This husband is affected by a common delusion.

Deluded women are constantly discontent with the husband that God has given them. They wish they had a more charming, caring, suave gentleman. They super-imagine what it would be like to be married to certain people. There are men who imagine that there would be some more exciting, less quarrelsome, less moody, less emotional ladies out there. There are some ladies who watch the pastor preach and have delusions of what it would be like to be married to him. All they need to do is to ask the pastor's wife what it is like to be married to him and their delusions will evaporate.

This is why Jesus said it was a sin to put away your wife and marry another (*allos*). The Greek word is *allos* and it means another of the same kind. Jesus knew that you would only marry an *allos*. Another of the same kind! If you are a woman, you would only remarry another unemotional, non-communicating, liking-too-much-sex-male! The divorced man would only remarry another weaker vessel. Another of the same kind!

I have interviewed several men who had to remarry because their wives died. One of these men told me that he had to pick up his daughter from his mother's house.

He went on, "My daughter and I used to live with my mother."

He explained, "She has been there since my first wife died." "Oh, that is sad, I said. "So are you remarried?"

"Oh yes, long ago," he answered.

I was immediately interested and I asked him, "What is it like to be remarried? What is it like to be married to a completely different woman?"

He shrugged, "The same, basically the same."

Then he was quiet and repeated the answer, "I think it is the same thing. A woman is a woman and they are all basically the same."

He had experienced an *allos*! Another of the same kind!

Did you know that more than 50% of people who divorce remarry the same person? Why would people who have bitterly separated come back to each other? They often realize that there is nothing new or different under the sun.

I get amused at people who are very guarded when speaking about their marriages. They try to give an impression of perfection and absolute bliss on earth. They want everyone to think highly of them. Such people are not aware that marriages are simply '*allos*' relationships. They are the same kind of relationship between men and women. They are just experiences of the same kind. Refusing to speak about what you are going through only isolates you and makes you an easy target for Satan.

A great revelation is to know the four types of men or women that you could be married to: choleric, phlegmatic, melancholic or sanguine. These kinds or a combination of them summarize what you can expect. Everyone usually falls into these categories. Whoever you marry will be one of these kinds.

In our church, we insist on doing a test to establish what kind of temperament you have. When you know what a phlegmatic, a choleric, a sanguine or a melancholic temperament is, you know what to expect: an *allos*. Another of the same kind!

Understanding *allos* is the key to a happy marriage. It is worrying to think you have a problematic and deficient spouse. A little reading will establish the fact that you simply have an *allos*: another of the same kind!

May you be content, as you know that God has given us all *alloses*.

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Chapter 8

Allos: The Key to the Art of Teaching and Preaching

Hear another [*ALLOS*] parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

Matthew 21:33

Jesus taught the Word of God in the most beautiful and anointed style ever known to man. His stories are remembered by little children long after they stop reading the Bible. His teachings are relevant two thousand years after He gave them.

The things that Jesus said are read by more people, quoted by more authors, translated into more languages, set to more music and represented in more art than any book written by man. Jesus said are read by more people, quoted by more authors, translated into more languages, set to more music and represented in more art than any book written by man.

As someone said, comparing the teachings of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle to those of Jesus is like comparing an enquiry with a revelation!

Years ago, I told my beloved that I wanted to be a teacher of the Word like Jesus was. I thought to myself, “The teachings of Jesus are not easily forgotten, even by children.” I decided to become an *allos*. Years ago, before I became a pastor, I decided to teach and preach with stories.

Jesus told so many stories. He would say, “A certain man had two sons, a certain man made a great party, there was a certain rich man which was clothed in purple, a certain rich man died, a certain man went up from Jericho, there was a certain rich man which had a steward, the

ground of a certain rich man brought forth bountifully, a certain noble man went into a far country”

I decided that I wanted to be a teacher like Jesus. I didn’t want to be anything new; I just wanted to be an *allos*.

The key to becoming a great preacher is to become another of the same kind. Just find a preacher whose ministry touches lives and become another of the same kind. Learn how to preach by becoming the same as he is. Preach in the same way, teach in the same way and you will be very successful. Don’t try anything new because there is nothing new.

If the word you understand is “copy” then please copy, photocopy, photograph, replay, rewind, repeat what they say.

You will find yourself becoming an *allos*. Another of the same kind! The reality is that whether you do this deliberately or not, you are becoming the *allos* of somebody. So why not choose and become the *allos* of somebody you admire!

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