

Thought for the Day 6th May - John Reed

Read 2 Corinthians 1:12-21

You are probably quite familiar with the saying “Don’t put all your eggs in the one basket.” It has multiple applications. Don’t put all of your money into one particular stock. What happens if it crashes, and you lost it all? Diversify your investment. Don’t put all your hope in one plan. What if it doesn’t work? Always have a plan B. Don’t trust one laboratory to come up with the solution to COVID-19 – have multiple researchers around the world working on it, and in the meantime take serious steps about social isolation, as well as consider what else you can do.

Well, here’s a variation on that theme. Many of us are exploring the world of online ordering and home delivery. One woman called Naomi posted on Twitter [see the story here <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/weird-news/woman-orders-1kg-sweet-potatoes-21957908>] that she had ordered 1kg of sweet potatoes from the wholesaler, for home delivery. When the delivery arrived, she did indeed get 1kg of sweet potato – but not quite in the form she was expecting. You see, she didn’t get a bag of sweet potatoes, but *one* giant mutant sweet potato, which weighed 1kg! She labelled it “PotatoZilla.”

Among the amused responses was one which wondered: “What if you just wrote ‘1kg sweet potato’ in the order, and the poor wholesaler spent hours trying to find a single potato that weighed that much?” I love that idea. Imagine someone searching through mountains of sweet potatoes to find one that weighed exactly 1kg. Did they also search for a 500g carrot, or a 250g brussels sprout?

It’s very rare in life that we find everything we want in one single item. But God has met all of our spiritual needs in one person: Jesus. All the promises of God find their yes in him (2 Corinthians 1:20). So don’t go looking for answers elsewhere, or other items to “top-up” your needs. Instead, put all of your eggs in the one basket of Jesus. Explore the marvellous riches that God has provided for you in him. As Paul says in Philippians 4:19: “My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”