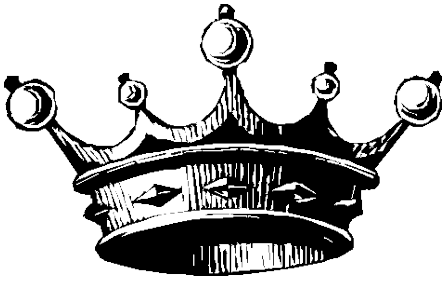


'THE SECRET OF STRENGTH



So, Jotham became mighty,
because he prepared his ways
before the Lord his God.'

2 Chron 27 v 6

1. The books of Kings and Chronicles are full of the names of k____. It can be very difficult to remember the or____ in which they came.
2. They mention various kinds of kings. Some are 'out and out bad', others 'begin well but end badly', and some, though not many, began well, went on well and ended well; J____ was one of these.
3. Jotham was the son of K____ Uzziah, a g____ king. He was 25 years old when he became king, and he reigned for 16 years over Judah.
4. He was a great bu_____ and he won a great battle over the Ammonites. The secret of his success was*he prepared his w_____ before the L____ h____ G_____.*



5. It is good to have the motto 'be prepared' (like the sc____) or 'ever ready' (like the US Coast G_____).

6. The first fl_____ of the year are the snowdrops, crocuses and da_____, because they have stored food in their bulbs in the previous year.



7. We say '*practice makes perfect*' and '*it is good to be ever-ready*'.
8. The best way to prepare for l_____ is for our heart to be r_____ with God.
9. Life is full of unexpected and testing things. If our hope is in Christ, we shall be ready, like J_____ for whatever may h_____. Like J_____ we should be builders of g_____ things, especially a good character, and a ble_____ to those we meet.