

Inscription Inside the Ring

A woman who worked as an assistant at a jewelry store often arranged for engaged couples to have their wedding bands engraved with something special – the date they met or married, a sentimental phrase, their names or even their wedding vows.

She once asked a bride-to-be what she would like inside her fiance's ring.

"We aren't very romantic," the young woman replied. She added that they were marrying on her fiance's birthday so he wouldn't forget the date.

"But isn't there something you'll want him to remember as he looks inside his ring?" the assistant wondered.

"There sure is," she said. And that's how *Put it back on!* came to be inscribed in her husband's ring.



Perhaps she was trying to help along her husband's commitment to the relationship.

A woman named Catherine, from Scotland, may have wanted to help along her lover's commitment to their relationship. For several decades, actually.

Finally, after 44 years of courtship, her 68-year-old boyfriend George proposed. Maybe he was waiting for a convenient time. Maybe he was waiting to get up the nerve. Who knows?

Author Ken Blanchard writes this about commitment: "There's a difference between interest and commitment. When you're interested in doing something, you do it only when it's convenient. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses – only results."

Is there an area of your life that feels more like an interest than a commitment? Does it deserve more from you? You can be interested in a job, or you can be committed. You can be interested in a relationship, or you can be committed

Interest may get you a paycheck or someone to be with, but commitment changes things. Whether you are pursuing a project, following a dream, changing a habit or preparing for your future, can you get the results you want without commitment?

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart (Galatians 6:9 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter