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### II. Listen to the voice of the Spirit v26

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**Luke 2:26** *"And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ."*

- B. **Then one will develop an ear that is tuned to the Spirit of God.** When can accustom himself to meditate, ask questions (praying), expect answers, and yield to God.

### III. Take actions that are prompted by the Spirit.

**Luke 2:27–28** — *"<sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, ...,"*

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