# The PULL of PRIORITIES

What FBC emphasizes in all they do, Membership #4

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#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Love means you show compassion to the NEEDY

James 1:27 This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress

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Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

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#### 2ND BAPTIZING

Matthew 10:32 Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

#### 3RD TEACHING THEM TO OBEY

ONE-Do you KNOW God?

TWO-Are you FILLED?

THREE-Do you LOVE Christ first?

FOUR-Are you INTERCONNECTED with others?