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PASTOR JOHN PIPER'S TWEET:

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APOSTLE PAUL ADDRESSES THE KIDS DIRECTLY

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CHILDREN CAN LEARN TRUTH DEEPLY

Moses told parents in Deut. 6:6-9:

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According to Rabbinical teaching, there is a connection between this commandment and children's moral and behavioral development. It is said that**...Judaism rests <u>entirely</u> on the theoretical and practical obedience of children to parents, and respecting parents is the basic condition for the <u>eternal</u> existence of the Jewish nation."**

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“Respecting parents” are the mechanisms by which Jewish values are transmitted, generation to generation. It is “basic” to Jewish continuity. If a child doesn’t learn to follow directions and care about being respectful to their parents, what are the odds they will learn proper moral values?

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Prov. 29:17 - Correct your son, and he will give you comfort; *He will also delight your soul*.

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