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Chee-Wai John Yuen was born in Singapore on 28 April 1953. He was trained and worked as a dental therapist in the public health service for about 10 years. In 1986, he studied at the Singapore Baptist Theological Seminary for his Bachelor of Theology. Upon receiving the degree in 1989, he pastored a Baptist church. He felt the call to be trained as a theological educator, and furthered his studies at the Singapore Bible College in 1992. He obtained his MDiv degree with honours in 1994, and also won the "Outstanding MDiv Student" award. Upon his graduation he was invited to join the college as a faculty member. He taught Bible, theology and pastoral ministry at the college, and also served as an advisory pastor in a church. In 1998 he took study leave to embark on his PhD studies with the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He is currently Director of the Doctor of Ministry Programme at Singapore Bible College.

The thesis, **Singapore's success culture and its challenges to Christian men in building strong families**, traces historically the reasons why Singapore has

adopted meritocracy as a national policy. The resultant social impact, especially on the quality of family life today, is also discussed. Views from both the normative Christian traditions and secular fields on success, marriage, family life and masculinity are presented and evaluated. The thesis also attempts to create a Christian-secular dialogue to highlight the complexities of the issues at hand. To argue the literature research, an opinion poll was conducted using questionnaires followed by in-depth conversations with some Christian men. The aim is to better understand work-family complexities faced by these men and their families in Singapore. Finally, these findings are used to formulate some suggestions that emphasize a spirituality of grace and gifting. Grace reminds people to be grateful to who they are and what they have. Ultimately, they are to find their worth and sufficiency in God's grace. On the other hand, people are to be good stewards of their God-given potential and abilities.

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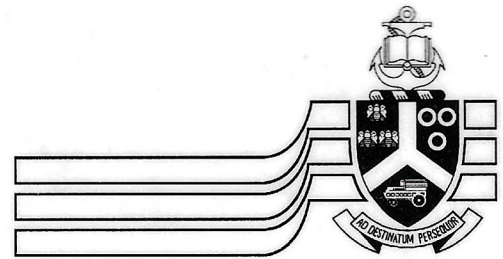
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