

GRACE ENABLED INTEGRITY IN MARKETPLACE

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Introduction

- Mulligan
- Hole in one
- Grace
 - ▣ undeserved favor

God's call

- 1993 Started a small construction company with a vision of..
- Glorify God in and through business
 - ▣ To conduct business with integrity
 - ▣ So that “Let your light so shine before man that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” Matt 5:16
- Integrity - Recipe for business failure?
 - ▣ 8 out of 10 businesses fail within the first 3 years

Challenges

- ❑ Lack of capital
- ❑ Lack of track record
- ❑ Bad mouth, threat, undercutting from competitors
- ❑ Pressure to conform to corrupt practices

Pressures to conform to corruption

- QS wanted palm to be greased, stranglehold on payment
- RE needed an extra pay check
- A friend who requested for 'commission' for introducing job.
- Consulting engineer requests for 'marketing fees'
- A government official who demanded a golf trip
- Authorities: "I don't like your wall"
- Pressure to 'kaw tim' forensic consultant

Journey of faith

- Learning from Hudson Taylor
- God work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply
- When back against the wall, remember that it is the Lord's company - not mine.

Grace upon grace

- Where pressure to conform increases, grace abounds the more
- Speedy JKR approval with little track record in early days
- Prompt payment from good paymasters some are unknown players in the market
- Key engineer rejoins the company just before my partner pass away.
- It happen during lull period of business
- Blessing in disguise: Lost projects in JB and KL

Grace upon grace

- 17 years of consecutive profitability without a single cent of bribery
- Weather two financial crisis of 1997 and 2008

Opportunities to testify (Matt 5:16)



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Small time obscure guy got 'lucky'?



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Biography of nominee

On his decision to enter the business world, Ir. Dr. Nehemiah C. H. Lee, 57, has no ordinary story to tell. In fact, few people would have the extraordinary courage like him to immediately attribute his entry into the construction business to a simple calling from GOD.

Call it midlife crisis or anything you like – but, after having spent the first 16 years of his career in the construction industry, Dr. Lee felt disillusioned when he saw how corruption was so rampant

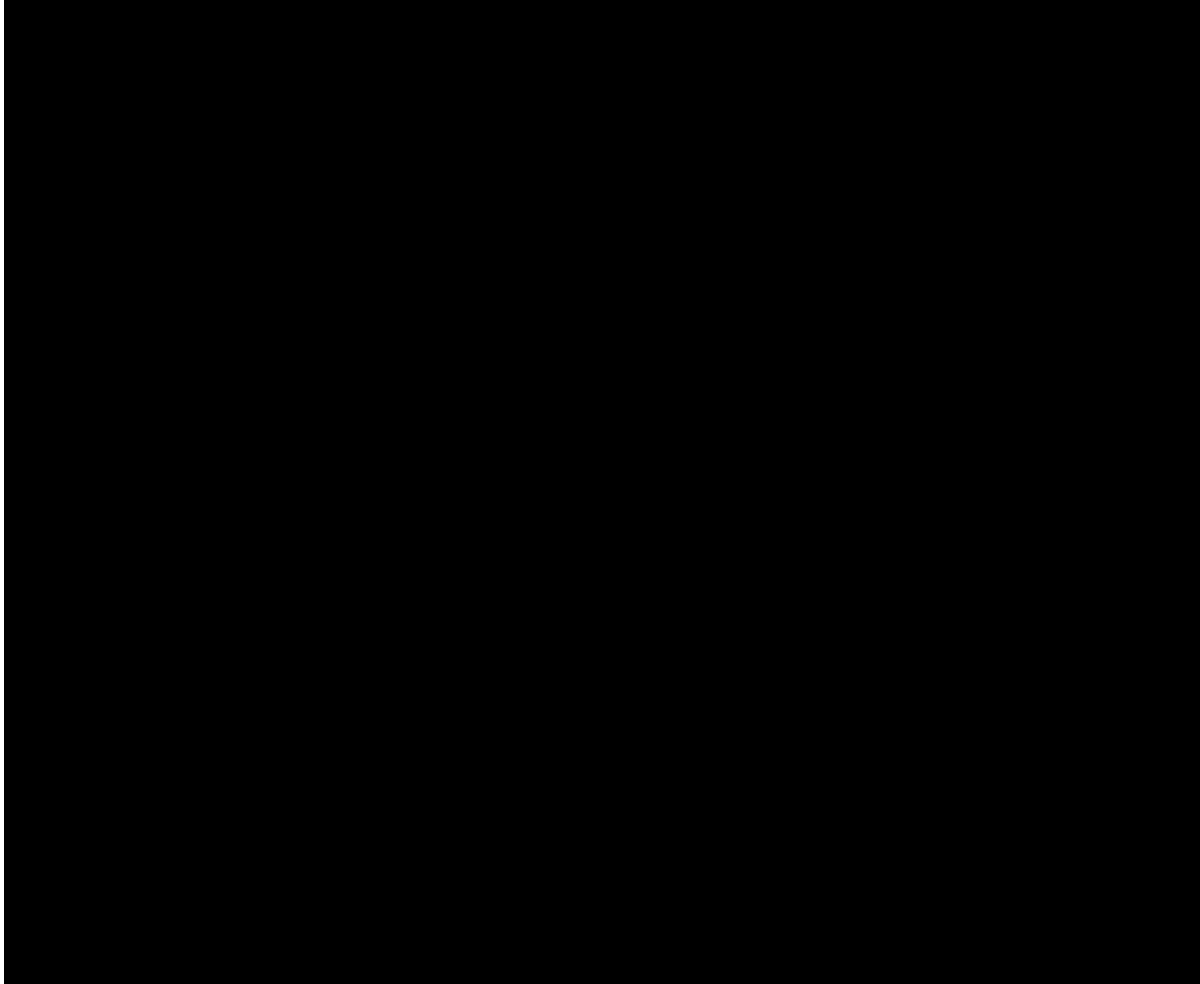


Interview with Freda Liu BFM 89.9



21st Oct 2009

Interview with Astro Awani 14th May 2011



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Conclusion

- Mulligan, hole in one and grace.
- Where does grace come from?
- John 1¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**
- 16 From the fullness of his **grace** we have all received one blessing after another.
- God answers our prayers out of the **abundance of His grace** despite the poverty of our faith
- I believed in Jesus 38 years ago. This journey of faith is filled with grace upon grace.
- You too can receive this grace if you believe in Jesus who is full of grace and truth (John 1:14)



Thank you

Questions

- What is the difference between demand for bribe and extortion?
- What is wrong with bribery?
- When is a 'commission' a bribe? When is it not a bribe?