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Fwah, fierce! A video of a young girl arguing with a middle-aged auntie over an MRT seat is going viral and it has all the makings of a truly "local production" -- spectacular Singlish, fashionably trendy Ah Lian, grumpy old auntie and of course, the obligatory "why you stare at me".

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First posted on STOMP, the 4-minute long video shows how what appears to be a minor disagreement blow up into a full-scale shouting match complete with Singlish and expletives -- all this in full view of amused commuters on a busy train.

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- It's not clear how the argument started but it appears to be over an MRT seat reserved for the elderly and handicapped.

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- Although it appears the young woman had already given up her seat, the older woman begins to lecture her over her bad manners, saying she "had to ask for the seat" and that the woman was "most probably coming from China."

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- The younger woman initially tries to ignore the scolding by playing with her phone but when the auntie decides to take a photo of her to "show to the public", she finally shoots back a "death stare" and replies with "I let you sit, you still say so much for what?"

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is out of control!

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James 3:1-12

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- Avoid the “I know better than you” attitude (1-2)
- Be aware of the powerful (+) and potentially destructive (-) nature of our speech (3-7)
- Consistently use appropriate speech (8-12)



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- Avoid the “I know better than you” attitude (1-2)

“My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.”

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- Matthew 12:34

“O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.”

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## ■ James 3:3-8

Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things.

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## ■ James 3:3-8

Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth  
And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so  
is the tongue among our members, that it  
defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire  
the course of nature; and it is set on fire of  
hell.

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## ■ James 3:3-8

For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

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- Be aware of the powerful (+) and potentially destructive (-) nature of our speech (3-8)

Our tongue is a powerful tool (3-5)

# Bit in horse's mouth

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# Rudder of ship

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- Speech should be used positively

“Therewith bless we God” (v.8)

Exalt the Lord

Edify the brethren

Evangelize the lost

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- Be aware of the powerful (+) and potentially destructive (-) nature of our speech (3-8)

Our tongue is a powerful tool (3-5)

Our tongue is a poor master (6-8)

# Great disaster from small fire



# Uncontrolled speech

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- Vulgarities & Abuse
- Bullying
- Lying
- Angry & bitter words
- Arguing & Nagging
- Discouraging negative criticism

# Wild animals can be tamed



# Tongue is even more dangerous!





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- Consistently use appropriate speech (8-12)

“Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

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- Consistently use appropriate speech (8-12)

“Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?”

Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.”

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NOT

Blessing and cursing from same mouth



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- James 3:12 (ESV)

“...Neither can a salt pond  
yield fresh water.”

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