

CHAPTER 3

WHAT IS MATERNALLY CORRECT?

Everything has been figured out except how to live.

—Jean-Paul Sartre

One Issue, Many Sides

Few issues, if any, evoke as much uncertainty, doubt and confusion among LDS women as the decision to work or not to work, especially while their children are young. Because much of the information and debate about motherhood and careers falls into two broad camps—one that advocates staying home with children and another that promotes personal development and careers— I decided to present both sides in rather stark form, covering relevant points from each. I realize, however, that many women's views and most LDS women's lifestyles are more accurately represented as some more complicated combination of the