

CHAPTER 4

WOMEN'S DIVINE ROLE

The greatest job that any mother can do will be in nurturing, teaching, lifting, encouraging, and rearing her children in righteousness and truth. None other can adequately take her place.

—President Gordon B. Hinckley

Despite all the opportunities the world offers, the church's counsel remains unchanged: a woman's divine role is motherhood, and her primary responsibility, when financially feasible, is in the home, raising and nurturing children and providing support for her husband and family. Although family demographics and public attitudes toward some family issues have changed dramatically in the past three decades, LDS leaders have reiterated the importance of family and reaffirmed disapproval of some behaviors that are becoming increasingly accepted in American society. In deciding what path to take, we must consider their