I'm still reading and have a similar dilemma - recently (after Mikey visited and was washing jars - AND soaking off the labels "to show how pretty the jars are" he said) I started washing all my glass jars (and soaking off the labels) bc of course re-use IS better than recycle, right? but I am not making honey (nor are any bees in my yard as far as I can tell) and a huge number of glass jars has overflowed from my (pretty large) windowsill (where they did look pretty) onto my kitchen counter and are threatening to move into the rest of the house. To say nothing of the HUGE drawer of plastic containers (cottage cheese, large yogurt, etc) that is so full that I can no longer open it, so store the containers I am frequently reusing on the kitchen counter (on the other side of the room from the ever expanding jar area). Containers that Angela moves everytime she wants to toast a bagel in the toaster oven bc (unlike me) she cannot balance the toaster oven door between closed and open (it can't open fully bc the plastic containers are in the way of course), and she's worried about burning herself when the floppy over door snaps back on her (in case she had doubts she can look at my arm covered with small burns - I don't need to move anything to get MY bagels out). But plastic is ALWAYS better to re-use, right, bc of all those toxic chemicals they use in the recycle process. And the ladfills are too full already. So I can't throw them away OR recycle them. my kitchen is getting very crowded. And my kids are NOT behind me talking about radiation OR potato pancakes - its more likely which Harry Potter character is going to die next, or if potions really work, or how to pronounce spells and wave wands correctly - and that's on an intellectual day!

Just wanted you to know - you are NOT alone, and your blog makes people think!