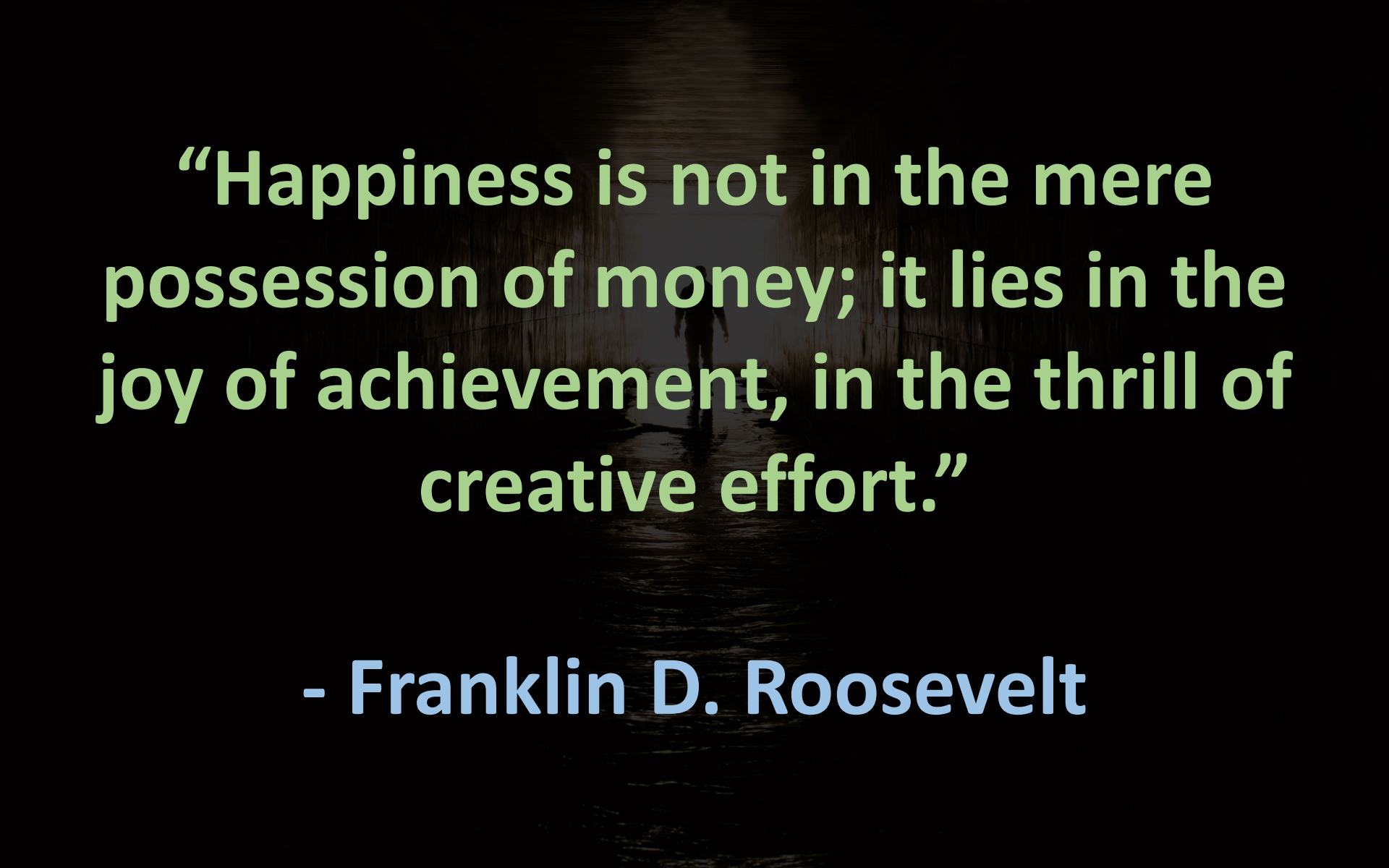




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**James 4:13-5:6**



**“Happiness is not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort.”**

**- Franklin D. Roosevelt**

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**“Wealth consists not in having  
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**- Epictetus**

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**“Money often costs too much.”**

**- Ralph Waldo Emerson**

# TODAY'S CULTURAL VALUES:

- Happiness is found in having things.
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- You should get all you can for yourself, as quickly as you can.
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